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Tansey big hit as sweeper



ABOVE: The squad of Dynamo Zagreb, which meets Victoria on Sunday. From left, top row: Poljak, Mustodanagic, Brucic, Dumbovic, Bobinac, Milinovic, S. Maric.

Middle row: Coach Markovic, Ivkovic, Janjanin, Devic, Jovicevic, Cerin, Bonic, Kranjcar, Vlak, assistant coach Susak.

Bottom row: Stefanovic, Stincic, Bogdan, Calasan, Novoselac, Vujadinovic, Z. Maric.

RIGHT: A jubilant Peter Shame sees his shot land in the Dynamo Zagreb net at Bruce Stadium, Canberra last Sunday. The goal put Australia ahead 2-0 but the game ended in a 3-3 draw. See pages 8 and 9.



Rudi Gutendorf made one of the most significant and successful changes to his national team when he used the previous left back Jim Tansey as sweeper in the 3-3 draw with Dynamo Zagreb in Canberra on Sunday.

Tansey communicated well with his fellow defenders and many positive things came from him when he had the ball.

He found teammates with deep, penetrating passes and also moved forward to join attacks.

It was while playing as sweeper for Slavia and Tansey won the 1976 Victorian Rothmans Medal, and he also filled that position a few times for previous national coach Jim Shoulder. Gutendorf used him last Sunday in place of Ivo Prskalo who played there previously.

The move was no doubt prompted by Alan Davidson's success in Tansey's usual position, left back.

Yet in the Victorian team that meets Dynamo Zagreb at Olympic Park on Saturday night, Tansey will be back in his old position, while Davidson plays not left back, but midfield.

Dynamo will have acclimatised fully by the time of the game against Victoria. It wants revenge for its 1-2 loss to Rale Rasic's NSW State team in Sydney last Friday night, and for the 3-3 draw with Australia.

Dynamo skipper Velimir Zajec was hoping that his team would draw first blood against South Australia at Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday).

But Len McKendry's Victorians will prove tough opponents, as they already have two victories against Yugoslav First Division clubs under their belt — 1-0 against Partizan Belgrade in 1979 and 2-1 against Red Star last year.

DEADLY SERIOUS

Nacional of Uruguay, which plays against Australia in Melbourne on 18 February, is deadly serious about its soccer.

Abdon Porte, a previous Nacional club president, was so upset at being replaced in the job he committed suicide — in the middle of the pitch.

Before flying to Australia, Nacional meets Nottingham Forest in Tokyo on February



By JOHNNY WARREN

Barnes in midfield, along with John Yzendoorn who missed Sunday's game due to injury.

Steve Perry could still come in for Steve Hogg at right back but the rest of the team probably will be left unchanged.

And so the World Cup eleven looks like being: Allan Maher or Greg Woodhouse — Steve Perry or Steve Hogg, Jim Tansey, Tony Henderson, Alan Davidson — John Yzendoorn, Ken Boden, Murray Barnes — Peter Sharpe, Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic.

Tony Henderson would be best in the stopper's position, leaving Murray

• Full match reports on Dynamo's games against NSW and Australia, and a preview of its game against Victoria appear on pages 8 & 9.



JIM TANSEY

NO CHANGES: RUDI

Rudi Gutendorf will not change the senior national squad before the first World Cup qualifying match against New Zealand on 26 April.

So said the remarkably subdued national coach on his return from the international youth tournament in Israel.

He would admit to no ir retrievable losses on either the senior or youth tours.

None of the players in either squad were failures, he said.



RUDI GUTENDORF

No, he did not think the Senior tour, involving unreasonable travel arrangements and matches against three B

teams, had been a waste of time.

No, he was not worried about adverse Press reports about him and about the tour.

"This is the era of the sensational headline," he said. "Everything is blown up in the papers. It is expected of the journalists. They are doing their jobs. It is the same all over the world."

Although he would not change the senior squad, he would try to slap it into shape in training camps, he said.

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SEE INTERNATIONAL STARS IN ACTION

Marconi super stars make 'em mad

Reputations are at stake in the Charity Shield match between Marconi and Sydney City at Redfern Oval on Friday night.

Sydney City's players are chafing at the bit.

"Any match against Marconi sets our players on edge," said Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson.

"They love having a go at these Marconi Soccerroo superstars, to show them they're not as great as they're made out to be."

But Marconi is equally as determined to knock the Slickers off their championship berth.

Many of the Marconi men still feel that they and not the Slickers are the rightful champions of the Phillips League.

The game will be replayed by Channel 0 from 5 pm on Sunday.

It will be a special match for Jim Cant, playing sweeper for Sydney City against the club he has just left.

Other newcomers on show are John Kosmina (ex-West Adelaide) and Scottish winger Willie Murray of Sydney City.

Curtain-raiser to the Charity Shield match is a game between sports and show business personalities.

It will feature Alex Jesaulenko (Aussie Rules), John Thorpe, Tom Raudonikis (Rugby), Barbara Wall (squash), Bob Proctor (hockey) and Stuart Wagstaff, Noel Ferrier, Ian McRae and Nick Jones (2SM).

Slickers are off to jail



● JIM CANT

The City Slickers are going to jail.

Eddie Thomson's PSL champions will be in Long Bay lock-up on Tuesday 24 February.

They will do a training session there and play against the jail's soccer team.

Sydney City's manager David Childs said that 42 of the Long Bay inmates are soccer players.

They will get a close-up look at the Slickers' new recruits Jim Cant from Marconi, John Kosmina from West Adelaide and Willie Murray from Scottish club Hibernian.

Cant has switched from Marconi on a free transfer and will play sweeper.

John Spanos played sweeper for Sydney City last season while Cant played mainly full back for Marconi.

Eddie Thomson however, says sweeper is Cant's best position, and he should know.

"I played sweeper for Hearts in Scotland and Cant took over the position from me when I went to Aberdeen," Thomson said.

"Sweeper is his best position by a mile."

"Spanos, who played there last year, is better in midfield. He can get up the park and back quickly and he makes some super runs off the ball. He can go back to sweeper when he gets five or six years older, maybe."

Willie Murray, 26, is a fast, orthodox winger who likes to take on opponents. His presence provides Hilton Silva with a big challenge. Silva had a patchy season in 1980 but he has been quite impressive in practice games recently. In fact he scored with a header in Sydney City's 1-1 draw with Sydney Croatia.

Kosmina and Mark Treuter will vie for the central striker's position, or they may play as twin strikers in the middle, with only one winger out wide. The latter system would see either Murray or Silva on the wing, and Joe Watson in midfield rather than out wide.

Explaining John Stevenson's departure to South Melbourne, Thomson said: "There wasn't much difference between Stevenson and young Jim Patikas, so we had to decide whether to hold Patikas back or make room for him by allowing Stevenson to go."

"I think we made the right decision, because Patikas is only 17 and it's players like him who guarantee us a bright future."

Thomson said he would play Ken Boden is a deeper position to make greater use of his vision and ball-playing ability. "He's not in the play enough up front and he's been getting a lot of knocks there," Thomson said.

Sydney City's best young players — Gerardo Gomez, Chris Spanos, Graham Fletcher, Grant Lee, Brett Woods and Neil Parfitt from Azzurri in Perth — will play in the new youth league. Their coach is the great Leo Baumgarten, assisted by Roger Musgrove and Geoff Harcombe.

The Sydney City board also is looking at the possibility of the players becoming fully professional within the next year or two. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Milios joins

Canfield City is now training on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Murrumbidgee High School from 6 pm to 9 pm.

The new coach is the experienced Manos Milios. From next season the players will receive a \$30 for a win, \$15 for a draw and \$5 each night for attending training starting a week before the winter season.

BUNDESLIGA

Results of West German first division soccer matches at the weekend:

Leverkusen 1 Cologne 1, Fortuna Dusseldorf 2 Uerdingen 2, Borussia Dortmund 2 Bayern Munich 2, Karlsruher 0 VfL Bochum 0, VfB Stuttgart 1 Kaiserslautern 0, Munich 1860 1 MSV Duisburg 2, Schalke 2 Borussia Moenchengladbach 2, Hamburger SV 1 FC Nuremberg 0, Aachen 1 Schalke 1 — Fortuna Frankfurt 1.

DEDICATION GONE: MARSTON



Joe Marston (right) in action for Australia.



PETER SCOTT interviews Joe Marston

He claims that "everybody forgets old soccer players", but in Joe Marston's case this is patently untrue.

Witness the fact that in the recent New Year Honors List, the former Preston North End and Australian star received an MBE, becoming only the second member of a rather exclusive club of people recognised for their services to the sport of soccer in Australia.

Joe Marston was undoubtedly the first Australian soccer player to reach international stature and he gained this at a time when Aussie soccer still had an image of open paddocks and colossal thrashings from the likes of South China and England Amateurs.

He was in fact the first Australian to become a regular in English Division One, a feat emulated only recently by young Craig Johnston at Middlesbrough.

Marston has also made the only appearance by one of our "own" in an F.A. Cup Final, he is the only Australian to have captained a team in the Football League First Division and has represented the English League against its Scottish counterpart.

Honor also followed him at home both before and after his English sojourn.

Altogether he has played 34 times for Australia, adding this to a tally of close to 300 first team matches at Preston in a five year period, including one consecutive stretch of 196 League and Cup matches.

Marston was skipper of the Australian team 21 times, retired only in 1966 and went on to coach and manage various teams, including six seasons with the magnificent A.F.A. sides of that era, five as supreme of Western Suburbs and four at Auburn, another club with great traditions.

Now, to quote his delicate statement, Joe Marston is in "semi-retirement".

"But, I'm ready for action if the right offer comes along," he said.

"I miss my former involvement with soccer, but have also enjoyed the break, which allowed me to sit back and observe the game in a detached sort of way."

And the former maestro worries about some of the things he sees.

Marston fears today's youngsters, with all the distractions of modern life around them, may not always have the dedication and discipline needed to make the grade.

This in spite of his opinion that "the material is there".

"Application counts for everything, because you only get out of soccer what you put into it."

"Talented kids must learn how to give up some of the more pleasurable things in life and cut down on their social activities."

"That is the only road to success," he said. Looking back on the recent past, Marston still remains the eternal optimist.

"I've been saying for the past 30 years that soccer will one day be the number one sport in Australia, and I maintain that this can still be done."

"But our failure to cash in on the Soccerroos' success in reaching the World Cup finals in West Germany was a terrible blow to me."

"After that great achievement not only did we fail in increasing soccer's popularity, but the game in Australia actually declined," he recalled.

If Marston's bitter comment that "nobody wants an old coach" was proven incorrect, we could also expect a different style of play from his team, when compared to what passes for modern soccer.

He feels that the individuality of present day soccer "stars" is ruthlessly suppressed by the demands of modern tactics.

"Natural abilities are stifled in most of them, in spite of the fact that these skills are a priceless commodity."

"A player can be taught combative, tactical roles, but you must be born with sparkling individual skills."

One such rare gem, according to Marston, is young Melbourne star Davidson "Who stood out like a beacon" with his marvellous skills on the recent tour of the Soccerroos.

"Unless such players are nurtured and cultivated, the flair will be missing from the game and this will be detrimental to soccer's attempt to compete with other diversions as an entertainment," he said.

"As a coach I always allowed my boys to express themselves in an individual manner on the field of play."

"When the day comes that every player in every team plays the same style and pattern, soccer will expire of boredom!"

Marston is also aware of a major problem with imported players, a problem he experienced himself on his return from England.

Even though returning to Sydney meant the end of fulltime soccer, Marston still managed to train at least three times a week.

This in the days when one or two fairly brief sessions were the rule rather than the exception among First Division teams.

"This was the only way I could maintain my standards for another ten years," he said.

"I have seen it over the years, when former pros from overseas joined one of our teams."

"With a bit of luck they stayed at their peak for a season or a while longer, but then, almost inevitably, they came down to local standards."

As long as Australian coaching standards and training requirements — hampered by the part-time nature of the game here — remain below that of Europe and the Americas, this sad malady will probably continue.

How to overcome it?

"Full-time professionalism is the only way, but this will remain just a dream until the money is available to compensate players for giving up their careers outside soccer."

Which brings us back a full circle.

Crowds through the turnstiles are the financial lifeblood of any sport, soccer included.

Over-dependence on poker machines and generous sponsors is simply building a house of cards.

But, for the crowds to return — and they were there in the early sixties, packing grounds from the Sports Ground to Henson Park and Woonona each week — soccer must give them what they want.

Pure entertainment.

It would be nice to think that a wise club president somewhere in the PSL would see his way clear to call on Joe Marston MBE to advise and assist in meeting this great challenge.

Or, is it too much to hope that the ASF would pinch an idea, widespread overseas, and set up an advisory body of unattached soccer experts as a "Think Tank" for the revitalisation, organisation and administration of the sport?

Only stupid people claim they have nothing to learn from others!

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MELBOURNE GETS TWO

Victorian Second Division club Melbourne expects midfielder Mark Dognall to arrive from England next month.

Dognall is from the Liverpool area and has had a trial with Coventry City.

Melbourne also has signed Paul Milburn, a striker who went back home to England after playing for Slavia three years ago.

Coach Harry Chalkitis said Melbourne had retained all its 1980 players except Paul Drogosky who has been training with State League club Juventus.

Chalkitis is interested in getting Peter Vaughan and Brian ... from Invercargill in ex-



Joe Venglos



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Gary Cole



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Jim Rooney



Eddie Thomson

In recognition of outstanding achievements and contributions to soccer in Australia and internationally, "Soccer Action" presents its third New Year's soccer honors:

WORLD LIST

ROQUE MASPOLI: Coach of the Uruguay national team which returned to international prominence after 30 years by winning the "Gold Cup" against Brazil, Argentina, West Germany, Italy and Holland.

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE: Bayern-Munich star who won the European Footballer of the Year award and was one of the outstanding players of the Gold Cup.

JUPP DERWALL: Coach of West Germany which won the European nations cup in Italy and which remained unbeaten for 23 games since he took over in 1978, until losing 1-2 to Argentina in the Gold Cup.

JOE VENGLOS: Coached Czechoslovakia to victory in the Olympic football tournament in the USSR, the latest in a long list of fine achievements by this former Australian national coach.

WALDEMAR VICTORINO: Brilliant young striker who was the sensation of the triumphant

Hail Victorino!

"Soccer Action's" 3rd New Year's honors

phant Uruguay national team that won the Gold Cup and also a leading light in the team of Nacional, which won the South American Cup, the Copa Libertadores de America.

AUSTRALIAN LIST

ALAN DAVIDSON: Maintained a remarkable rise to the top by emerging as the best player of the Australian team that toured Europe and Asia.

JIMMY ROONEY: Played his 50th international against England in the centenary match at the SCG and showing by his absence on the Socceroos' tour that the team still needs him.

JIM HERMISTON: Brisbane Lions' star defender who was voted Australian Player of the Year by the Australian Soccer Press Association.

EDDIE THOMSON: Coach and sometime player of Sydney City, which won the 1980 Phillips League championship, Thomson is planning carefully for the Slickers' future by bringing young players through the ranks.

TONY KOVAC: One of the longest-serving soccer officials in Australia, Kovac retired from the Footscray J.U.S.T. presidency after 17 years but continues to serve on the committee.

JIM MANGOPOULOS: Retired from Heidelberg United's presidency after inspiring the most successful period in the club's history.

JOHN GARDINER: Player-coach who led Essendon Croatia to the Dockerty Cup, the State League Cup, and the Ampol Cup last year.

GARY COLE: Set a new goalscoring record in notching 21 PSL league goals in 1980, Cole is

the PSL top scorer on aggregate, with 67 goals in all league and Cup goals.

MURRAY BARNES: Sydney City star who returned to the national team as captain and led the Socceroos by example on their world tour.

JOE MARSTON: Former Socceroo captain who was awarded the MBE in the Queen's New Year's honors list.

AGENOR MUNIZ: Marked his best season in Adelaide by being voted South Australian Player of the Year by the SA branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

LEN MCKENDRY: Developed a very effective, disciplined style that enabled his talented Heidelberg team to win the Phillips League grand final 4-0 against Sydney City in Canberra. As Victorian State coach, he helped develop many of the current Socceroos.

JOHN MARGARITIS: Voted by the Press as 1980 Coach of the Year for his work in lifting South Melbourne Hellas from last place in 1979 to third in 1980.

ATTILA ABONYI: Led Melita Eagles to the NSW State League championship — his third successive title since turning to coaching.

NEIL WILLIAMS, BOBBY MCKINNIS & GARRIE DOOLEY: The 1980 Rotmans Medalists of NSW, Victoria and South Australia respectively.

Marconi has signed a \$200,000 sponsorship deal with the Datsun Dealers of NSW.

The sponsorship is over two years and Datsun has a one-year option to extend it.

Datsun will pay Marconi \$200,000 cash and supply cars to club manager Milorad Urukalo and coach Raul Blanco.

It also has supplied a minibus to the team.

Marconi has changed its colors from green-white-red to the Datsun colors of red, white and blue.

The new strip is pre-

DATSUN BACKS MARCONI

dominantly white, with red and blue trim.

Tony Henderson has been employed by Datsun as a salesman and for promotions to further link the company with soccer.

The Datsun name will be linked with coaching clinics which will be organised throughout NSW and staffed by Marconi players.

And Datsun cars will be available to Marconi club

members at discount prices.

The sponsorship details were announced at a lavish Press conference at the club today (Wednesday).

Marconi manager Urukalo spent six months negotiating the deal with Richard Cross, general affairs manager at Capital Motors of Auburn, the biggest Datsun dealership in NSW.

Both men are enthusiastic about the deal.

"We want to make this the best sports sponsorship in Australia," Mr Cross said.

Meanwhile, Marconi has been trying out one of its former stars, Raul Carrizo, who is back from the US where he was player-coach of Sacramento and also played for the Tampa Bay Rowdies and the Washington Diplomats.

Jim Cant, the former Canberra City player who

joined Marconi last year, has switched to Sydney City, and Roberto Vieri has returned to Italy.

Vieri is back with Prato, the Italian Third Division club with which he started his career before moving on to Roma and Bologna.

All the other Marconi players have signed new contracts and Ian Hunter, recruited from Blacktown, should have recovered from a broken

leg within the next few weeks.

Hunter sustained the injury during the national youth team's visit to Fiji.

Another national youth player, Dennis Colusso, has been promoted to the senior squad from Marconi's second team, and Paul Degney is back after his cartilage operation.

The Marconi team is likely to be: Allan Maher — Peter Brogan, Ivo Prskalo, Jim Muir, Paul Degney — Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson, Peter Raskopoulos or Ian Hunter — Peter Sharpe, Eddie Krncevic, Mark Jankovics.

Giants, Wolves, Gunners and a Packer look

Flashy team nick-names and smart new playing strips are being introduced as part of the Kerry Packer-style marketing thrust aimed at popularising the Phillips League.

The new nick-names are: Adelaide City GIANTS, West Adelaide HAWKS, Canberra ARROWS, Sydney OLYMPIANS, Wollongong WOLVES, Heidelberg WARRIORS, South Melbourne GUNNERS, Brisbane City GLADIATORS, Footscray EAGLES, Preston RAMS, Leichhardt STRIKERS, Brisbane LIONS, Sydney City SLICKERS and Blacktown DEMONS are unchanged. Marconi is likely to become RAIDERS and Newcastle KB is yet to make a choice.

Rik Booth of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd said: "These catchy nick-names will provide a new image for children. We asked kids their opinions in some research we did and they were all for such names."

Booth said colorful new playing strips, not only for PSL teams but

By LAURIE SCHWAB

also for the Socceroos, would be introduced during the season to suit television.

"It's a new 1980s look, which will catch the eye," Booth said.

He said that preliminary research indicates the TV market for local soccer may be bigger than anyone had believed.

"I think we may well come up with a base target audience in Sydney and Melbourne of a million viewers if we package the game in the right way," he said.

"Also, there is a great potential for female support."

Booth had been pushing to change the name of the Phillips League to the Australian Soccer League, but he conceded this week that he had "lost the battle".

He said that his fellow marketing officer, John Frank, had spent most of December travelling around Australia studying the feasibility of introducing summer soccer from late this year.

"He talked to meteorologists, sports medicine experts, ground managers, and a host of other relevant people," Booth said.

"We are preparing a report cov-

ering all possible contingencies and the final decision on summer soccer will depend upon that report."

Booth said the marketing company was looking for sponsors for individual clubs, for the Socceroos, referees, and various competitions.

Two books on soccer will be published by the company later this year.

One, aimed at the 7-10 age group will promote soccer as a fun game for youngsters and the other will be targeted at fathers to help them teach the game to their children.

John Frank also has studied the feasibility of introducing an indoor soccer competition. It would be tested this year and, if successful, introduced in 1982.

The marketing company will launch a new Australian soccer ball in March. Three companies will manufacture it and pay royalties to the ASF in return for using the official ASF logo.

Booth also runs Underline, which does marketing and sales promotion for a variety of big firms including Lever and Kitchen, Volvo, EOI, and Royal Doulton. Ten other people work for Underline and all of them are available to help on soccer projects.

Chinese have the last laugh

Xian Hongchin, captain of the Shandong Province team, showed typical Chinese modesty before playing against the touring Socceroos in late 1979.

"We will play as well as we can but you have much more experience and a big reputation. We are happy to learn from you," he said.

The Socceroos were to hear such self-deprecation throughout the tour. We will try hard but we are no good and you are so much better, said the Chinese in Shanghai and Canton.

It was difficult to make the Australians stick out their heads from the team results following 6-0 and 5-0 victories over them

and drew one of their five games in China before flying on to Taiwan.

They took with them the impression that Chinese soccer was a bit of a joke. On well, at least the games had been useful in shaping the Australian team for its 1981 World Cup qualifying campaign.

But today, 13 months later, China has achieved the first of its World Cup goals while Australia is rapidly running out of time.

China climaxed a carefully-planned three-year build-up by winning the Asian Group Four World Cup qualifying group, beating North Korea 4-2 after extra time in the final.

In fact, their performance was

period, the Chinese toured Europe and Africa and played many matches in the Middle East, the region which boasts the strongest of Asia's World Cup candidates.

For the first time, Asia has two World Cup berths instead of one, as the number of finalists in Spain next year has been increased from 16 to 24.

The two vacancies will be contested by four Asian nations, each of which will have won a preliminary qualifying tournament, as China did recently.

The three other group winners are likely to be Kuwait, Iraq and, hopefully, Australia.

Australia's opponents in its Oceania group are Taiwan, Fiji, Indonesia and

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I wish the PSL newcomers all the best of luck. It's good to see Wollongong City and Preston providing PSL representation to new geographical areas. Wollongong in particular has the potential to be another Newcastle.

And Preston has managed in the space of a few short years to transform itself from an amateur set-up into a smart, professional sports club with its own licensed premises.

What's more Preston's team is first-class, even without the recruits that are expected. The forward line of Robert Cullen, George McMillan and Gary Ward will cause problems galore to PSL defences, particularly with midfield support from the tireless Jeff Faulkner and the brilliant Claude Lucchesi.

Tommy Docherty is in the process of shaping the rebuilt Sydney Olympic into shape.

Docherty has experienced league championships and also the embarrassment of relegation. He's been through the mill thoroughly and his great experience and professionalism should ensure Olympic of a good season. I wish him well.

As for my new club, Blacktown City, I must admit that the honeymoon is over. We have a beautiful stadium and social club and the atmosphere at Blacktown is first class but without a team it is of little consequence.

Therefore we are working hard to put together a side that can represent the area with distinction. However, it doesn't help coming up against transfer fees such as the \$25,000 sought for Barry Kelso of Brisbane City and the \$30,000 for Paul Ontong of Brisbane Lions.

Such "telephone number" transfer fees can only do harm to soccer in this country. Look what they've done to the game in Britain!

The sooner the ASF steps in and regulates transfer fees, the better it will be for all the clubs and all the players.

Let's face it, no club in the league is enjoying financial success. Wouldn't it be better if we removed some of the financial strain?

I was pleased to read that West Germany, of the \$270,000 it received from its participation in the Gold Cup series in Uruguay paid a

share to the clubs that provided the national team players.

It should serve as an example to the ASF and the State Federations. If they paid a percentage of gate money to the clubs, it would encourage the clubs to release players more readily and it would also compensate them for any injuries the players might sustain.

With soccer starting as early as 15 February this year, PSL clubs will be forced to play at different style of soccer.

Because it is impossible to charge up and down the field endlessly in no weather, the teams will be required to play more of a skillful possession game.

However, I doubt that the majority of players have the skill to play that way.

Such soccer will suit Footscray, Adelaide City, Heidelberg and probably Sydney City. They should therefore be the early pacesetters.

It's time all the blithering stopped over the national team. Let's all put our heads together and work towards one purpose — the good of Australian soccer.

If we qualify for the World Cup finals, we will be better off than if we don't qualify. So let's stop squabbling, for heaven's sake.

it is not important who plays in the team, who coaches it, who happens to be the physiotherapist or the doctor. What is important that we all get behind the people who have been charged with the job of getting us to Spain, and it is important that the players themselves give 100% effort to get us there.

My only fear about the world youth championships in October is whether we can provide the type of hospitality that our visitors will be expecting.

The standard for international sporting hospitality has been set by the hosts of World Cup finals, and by the hosts of Olympic Games.

In West Germany in 1974, for example, we could not have been treated more lavishly. In the USSR during the last Olympics, the hands of friendship was extended in the most gracious manner.

The leading officials who will be travelling with the 15 visiting teams in October will expect nothing less.

However, I do not see much evidence of adequate preparations.

What, for example, is being done at Hindmarsh Stadium? It never has had a Press box, much less Press telephones, yet it is to be used as a venue for the youth finals.

Are we to make ourselves a laughing stock in the eyes of the world?

WOLLONGONG, KB SIGN TOP KIWIS

New Zealand internationals Bill de Graaf, Clive Campbell, Steve Sumner and Clint Gosling will play in the Philips League this year. And Brian Turner, the greatest Kiwi of them all, may also cross the Tasman — either for Wollongong or Newcastle.

Sumner, captain of the Kiwis, has joined Newcastle KB United from Christchurch United, along with goalkeeper Gosling from Mt. Wellington. Campbell, a right winger, and de Graaf, a midfield-forward, have left Mt. Wellington for Wollongong City, one of the three new PSL clubs. Gosling, Campbell and de Graaf helped Mt. Wellington win the 1980 New Zealand national league championship.

The continuing presence of Canberra City pair Richard Wilson and Duncan Cole and Adelaide City's Glen Dods plus the arrival of the new Kiwis should give the Socceroos comprehensive knowledge of the New Zealand team they will have to play in the World Cup qualifying series, starting 26 April.

Newcastle, strengthened by Sumner, Gosling and recruits from England, appears strong

enough to challenge for the 1983 championship, while Wollongong coach Ken Morton has succeeded in assembling a squad which should achieve a respectable position in its first season.

Bob Mountford, the striker who guested with Newcastle in 1978, is back on an extended contract to link up with Paul Burrows, Graham Heys and David Jones, the other Newcastle forwards.

Mountford, 28, has played about 300 English league games and scored about 100 goals for Port Vale, Huddersfield and his last club, Stockport.

Newcastle coach Alan Vest was impressed by the form Mountford showed in scoring

both goals for Stockport in its 2-1 victory over Doncaster Rovers while Vest was in England recently.

Vest also signed Ian Buckley, 27, a left midfielder and former English youth international from Cambridge United.

Ken Morton, who coached Tasmanian champion team Rapid West Point last season, has brought West Point players David Smith, a striker, Ray Mohring, a centre back, and Peter Willis, a defender, to Wollongong with him. Full back Tony Dickinson and goalkeeper Robert Harrison of Tasmanian club Brighton ICL also have joined Wollongong.

Willis, formerly of Newcastle United, played sweeper at West Point.

Like Vest, and with Vest's help, Morton went to England to sign new players.

They are: John Lathan, midfielder from Mansfield Town, formerly with Sunderland, Portsmouth and Carlisle; John Fleming, midfielder from Lincoln City; Jeff Ainsworth, defender from Liverpool; Chris Dunlevy, defender from Halifax Town.

Morton also has signed Lee Adams, a midfielder from Kiev of Perth.

In addition, Wollongong has gained goalkeeper Jim Preston and midfielder Peter Tredinnick from Newcastle.

Preston cost \$5000 and Tredinnick the \$2000 stipulated in his contract.

Alan Vest, whose side has ranked with Marconi, Sydney City and Heidelberg as the most consistent in the league, is confident of getting closer to the championship in 1980.

Morlando is from St. George and Vilestra from Wollongong United. Both are teenagers. — LAURIE SCHWAB

"On paper it's the best squad we've had," he said.

"We've strengthened the midfield and the defence so we should be able to shake up one or two this year. I just hope that we don't have as many injuries as last year."

But already, there are early-season casualties. David Jones is out for two or three weeks with a back injury and Brett Cowburn has a kidney ailment.

Newcastle KB United will receive \$200,000 in sponsorship money from Tooths Breweries over the next three years but it is continuing its work towards establishing a social club which will generate additional revenue.

KB will meet Canberra City in the first leg of their annual Prime Minister's Cup tie in Newcastle on 1 February.

On 3 February, KB will play a trial match against Sydney City at Nelson's Bay, where the Stickers will train for five days.

Wollongong City plays its next practice match against NSW State League club Auburn at Memorial Park, Carrimal, on Sunday at 3pm.

The Wollongong squad, with shirt numbers, so far, is:

1. Jim Preston
2. Peter Willis
3. Tony Dickinson
4. Chris Dunlevy
5. Jeff Ainsworth
6. Lee Adams
7. John Fleming
8. Clive Campbell
9. John Lathan
10. Jack Morlando
11. Ray Vilestra
12. Billy de Graaf
13. Ray Mohring
14. Peter Tredinnick
15. David Smith
16. Robert Harrison

Morlando is from St. George and Vilestra from Wollongong United. Both are teenagers. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Peter Tredinnick — switched from Newcastle to Wollongong

MORSELLO PRICE \$13,500

Sydney-based PSL club Leichhardt has run into a hitch with its plan to sign striker Tony Morsello from NSW State League club Inter Monaro.

Morsello played with Leichhardt last year on loan from Inter and performed well in the latter part of the season. Leichhardt wanted to buy Morsello but Inter asked for \$15,000.

Morsello took the matter to the NSW Appeals Board which lowered his price to \$13,500, more than double the \$6,000 which Leichhardt is willing to pay.

Leichhardt has taken the matter to the ASF.

Greg Woodhouse, Rod Skeelern, Col McAusland, Mark Pullen, Peter Wilson, Dave Harding, John Coyne, Terry Butler, Bill Pirie, Phil O'Connor, Ian McKie and John Bradley have been retained.

The newcomers to the senior squad are Jim Bottalico and Frank Leyden.

Both players were signed from North Sydney Inter for about \$4,000 each.

Bottalico is a 19-year-old central defender and Leyden is a 24-year-old midfielder or striker.

Alan Hughes crossed to Leichhardt on a free transfer from Brisbane Lions.

Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace is keen to sign Robert Parkes, a 24-year-old keeper from South Australian club Cumberland United.



Jim Bottalico

Parkes would cost about \$4,000.

Four youngsters who are vying for PSL squad places are Frank Casacchie, Eddie Zaccamore, David Watt and Ian Gray.

Robbie Drews is transfer listed at \$10,000 and Mark Samuels has joined NSW State League club Avala for \$3,500.

Jim Dempsey has returned to Scotland and is playing with First Division club Hamilton Academicals.

Clyde has shown interest in signing the rugged central defender. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

BARNES ON TV

Socceroo captain Murray Barnes of Sydney City will be seen regularly on TV in Sydney. He has been signed to do a series of commercials for the "Sydney Sun."

\$50,000 from tyre firm

Sydney Olympic spent \$18,500 on the transfers of Peter Katholos from St. George and Danny Moulis from Canberra City.

Moulis cost \$12,500 and Katholos \$6000. Heidelberg United also had been interested in Moulis but Olympic offered more money for him.

Right-back Moulis, who played in the Australian team that won the Oceania Cup last year, will complete his law degree in Sydney. The \$6000 fee for midfielder Katholos was the maximum



Peter Katholos

stipulated in his contract with St. George.

Sydney Olympic also has signed striker Tommy Gavin of Brentford and midfielder David Cork from Doncaster Rovers. Coach Tommy Docherty considered signing them when he was with Queen's Park Rangers.

Olympic will be sponsored for \$50,000 this year by the Olympic Tyre and Rubber Company and has gained a long lease on Pratten Park from the Ashfield Council.

Need a coach?

A top Scottish coach is interested in coming to Australia. He is William Hunter, of 32 Lockberrie Road, Dumfries, Dumfries & Galloway, Scotland. Age 40, married with one teenage daughter.

Playing details 1957-1967 (Motherwell and Scotland). Regular first team player with Motherwell, then in Scotland first division (before Premier League).

Full Scottish caps — 4 Scotland Under 23 — 6 Scottish League — 6 1968-1971 — Hibernian F.C. (Edinburgh).

1971-1974 — Player-coach Hellenic F.C. and Cape Town City in South Africa. 1974-1978 — Assistant manager to Ian St John with Portsmouth.

He also played with Detroit Cougars in America, had spells as manager Inverness Caledonian in Scottish Highland League, Queen of the South in the Scottish Second Division and Scout for Wolverhampton Wanderers (presently).

Qualifications: Scottish Football Association Coaching Badge — 1965 F.A. Coaching Badge — 1973 F.M.A.E. Institute Physiotherapy — 1968 Liffeshall Coaching Seminars for Managers 1975/76 Strathclyde Business School for Business Management 1979 Professional footballer 1957/1977.

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 - When did the Football League almost have to start a season with one club missing?
 - Who was the Wembley "veteran" though he was still only aged 18?
 - Which club was allowed to travel free to a cup-tie because it was hard up?
 - Which Football League club escaped relegation after being bottom of the table at Easter?

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There's a touch of home Down Under for Shirra



Laurie Schwab

The surroundings may be different, but to a Scottish soccer player there's much about Australia to remind him of home. There are other Scottish soccer players, for example.

Jim Shirra, the South Melbourne Hellas recruit, will bump into many former opponents and team mates in the Philips League. He remembers team-mate John Stevenson and Sydney City's Jim Cant from Hearts, and he was

at Aberdeen at the time George Campbell was there.

APIA's Billy Pirie was a team-mate of Shirra's at Dundee and he remembers Marconi's Jim Muir from Dumbarton.

Shirra, 30, arrived last week, a few days after

Hellas's other recruit, Robert Stewart 19.

They flew as far as Manila together but while Stewart continued on to Australia, Shirra had to double back to Hong Kong first, because his flight ticket had to be amended.

Shirra had eight years with Falkirk in the First division and transferred from there to Aberdeen for \$60,000.

It was former Scottish national manager Ally McLeod who brought Shirra to Aberdeen. From there he switched to Dundee in 1977. He was valued at \$80,000 in a deal that also saw \$100,000 player Gordon Strachan move to Aberdeen.

Shirra negotiated with Sydney City last June but couldn't get away at the time, and finally settled with South Melbourne instead. There was a slight hitch when Dundee asked South Melbourne for a transfer fee, but that was overcome after Shirra's departure had been delayed for a week.

A former Scottish B international, Shirra's league career has been punctuated by some memorable successes. He was twice voted best player for Falkirk, and he helped that club win two league championships.

At Aberdeen he helped win the league Cup and he was a champion-winning Dundee side.

One of his most memorable matches was a 5-1 Cup victory over Celtic two seasons ago. He scored one of the goals.

Shirra's wife Helen and his two daughters Lora and Emma arrived with him last week.

Robert Stewart is single but he is eager to have his fiancée Sandra Guthrie join him soon.

Stewart joined Hearts of Midlothian at the age of 16 and had about 30 senior games there, in attack or midfield.

It was Eamonn Bannon, brother of Vince and Pat Bannon and former Hearts player, who recommended Stewart to South Melbourne.

"Eamonn phoned me up because he knew I wasn't getting on at Hearts, and asked me whether I wanted to go to Australia," Stewart said.

"I wasn't enjoying my football and I wasn't getting regular games after Bobby Moncur replaced Willie Ormond as Hearts' manager. Moncur tried to change my style. He was playing me sweeper.

Stewart believes his biggest assets are his ability to shield and lay off the ball, and to win it in the air. He therefore will have to vie with Alun Evans, unless Evans moved back into midfield. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

TV ROW TO BE SETTLED

A row over TV rights to the Coca-Cola world youth championships is expected to be settled soon at a meeting between the 10 Network, Channel 0-28 and the ASF.

Each network claims it has the exclusive rights to the championships and at one stage it looked like FIFA would have to make a ruling to break the deadlock.

But at the proposed meeting, the parties are expected to agree that the Ten Network does, in fact, have the rights.

It will make matches available to Channel 0 in selected time slots, and Channel 0 is expected to agree.

During the height of the row, it seemed that Channel 0's entire soccer coverage could be in jeopardy.

The argument was that commercial stations that participate in Channel 0's local

soccer coverage would withdraw if they did not get their share of the world youth championships.

Channel 0 has a signed contract with the ASF to cover the youth titles.

The 10 Network has been granted the TV rights by Coca-Cola, which sponsors the titles and which signed a deal with FIFA for the rights in November, 1979.

However, Channel 0-28 is set to agree to a compromise. It concedes that the 10 Network is better equipped to handle a project of such mammoth proportions.

The Network will film each of the 32 matches in the championships. Some will be shown live, some replayed, others will be farmed out to 0-28, and all will be made available to overseas TV as well.

Meanwhile, 0-28 has had enormous success with its telecasts of the Socceros' tour matches, and the Gold Cup from Uruguay.

At Press time, the station's sports chief Peter Skelton was negotiating for a coverage of the world cup championship match between Nottingham Forest and National of Uruguay, to be played in Japan.

Skelton also wants to cover Australia's game against National at Olympic Park on 18 February.

Skelton has chosen three first-round matches to comprise the first edition of Channel 0's "Mig Match"-style Philips League programme.

They are Newcastle v. Footscray, Adelaide City v. Sydney City and South Melbourne v. Marconi.

No time slot has yet been decided upon, but Skelton hopes for Friday night so that the programme also can preview the weekend's matches.

Les Murray of Canberra is likely to be anchor man, and Skelton hopes that Hugh Johns, who commented some of the Socceros' tour matches, will come from England to host the show from May to August.

A separate one-hour programme was to have coincided with the PSL kick-off, but it has been pushed back a month.

It will consist of match post-mortems by a panel of experts, interviews with players and coaches, and film clips of overseas and perhaps State league matches.

A junior soccer programme hosted by Johnny Warren will start mid-year.

Sport Institute loses out to the cash lure

So much for the idea of housing the national youth players at the Sports Institute in Canberra and using them as a team in the new youth league!

Many youth squad members have preferred the lure of lucrative signing-on fees and match payments from PSL and State League clubs to the offer of scholarships at the Institute.

"National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, was mainly responsible for selecting scholarship winners but a great many boys did not want to accept his offer," said ASF secretary Brian le Fevre.

"I think in some instances clubs have persuaded youngsters to reject the Institute's offer so that the clubs won't lose the boys' services.

The general attitude of the boys may have been better if we had concentrated upon under-16s who would have been pushing for youth team places in the future," le Fevre added.

"These under-16s may not have been as greatly influenced by economic factors."

None of Sydney City's youth squad members has accepted scholarships to the Institute but Sydney City secretary David Childs says money wasn't the influencing factor.

"Jim Patikas, Grant Lee and Brett Woods had the chance to take up scholarships at the Institute but to my knowledge Gerardo Gomez was not invited," said Childs.

"Patikas is an established member of our PSL squad and immediately would drop out of the squad if he attended the Institute."

Woods and Lee are knocking on the door of our first team squad and would lose the opportunity of gaining selection if they had accepted scholarships.



By CRAIG MCKENZIE

"We spoke to the boys and they had nothing to gain by attending the Institute."

"Our youth policy is excellent and I don't know why the Institute should be used to duplicate what should be an integral part of every PSL club's youth program."

"We concentrate upon the soccer and academic development of our young players and sending them to the Institute would mean other boys around Australia would miss out. Believe me, our lads are well looked after."

Sydney City started negotiations with Western Australian youth squad member Dennis last June and the club was confident of signing the promising keeper.

"During the recent youth team tour of Israel pressure was brought to bear on Ivanac to accept a scholarship at the Institute," said Childs.

Ivanac has won a Menzies Foundation scholarship to attend the Institute.

"Last September the ASF sent a loosely worded letter to Sydney City concerning the set-up at the Institute," Childs continued.

"The letter said the squad at the Institute would number about 18, the set-up of the youth league still had to be determined and the coach of the boys at the Institute had not been selected."

"Under these circumstances we felt we could offer more to the boys."

There are 16 scholarships in

Ten are on full scholarships and six on part scholarships.

A full scholarship covers all expenses while a part scholarship covers accommodation, meals and competition equipment.

The part scholarship holders who attend college during their stay at the Institute will have to pay \$60 for tuition fees which includes books and will have \$20 refunded if the books are returned in good condition.

The Menzies Foundation sponsors 12 scholarships in all sporting fields covered by the Institute.

As the sole soccer winner of a Menzies Foundation scholarship Ivanac will have all expenses paid and receive a \$700 annual allowance.

The recent drop-outs from the diminishing scholarship field are Howard Tredinnick, Brett Gemmill, Steve Callaghan and Socrates Nicolaidis.

One of the 16 places still has to be filled but from the 15 boys selected five toured with the Australian youth team and may turn down their scholarships.

The nine holders of full scholarships are Paul Kay, Glen Ahern, Dennis Ivanac, Oscar Crino, Craig McLatchey, Dennis Colusso, Alan Reis, James Murray and Angelo Ambrosino.

The six part scholarship holders are Clark Anderson, Danny Wright, Malcolm Tuttle, Paul Turner, Carl Simic and Rob McLachlan.

The Institute's Director of Soccer, former national team coach Jim Shoulder, is expected to arrive in Australia within the next fortnight and

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McLachlan goes to Canberra

South Melbourne Hellas youngster Robbie McLachlan flew to Canberra last Monday to enrol at the National Sports Institute.

McLachlan, 16, accepted a two-year part scholarship at the Institute where he will be involved in an individual and team training program developed by the Institute's Director of Soccer, Jim Shoulder, former Australian national team coach.

The youngster will be one of 16 youths who will represent the Institute in the newly-formed national under-19 league.

McLachlan started his competitive career with Victorian Metro Division One side Box Hill and joined Hellas in 1978.

His first representative honors were gained with the Victorian under-12s in 1976 and he has represented Victoria every year since.

The highlight of McLachlan's representative career was in 1979 when he played for Australia in Perth against Malaysia.

"Playing for my country was absolutely fantastic, a tremendous experience," he said.

"I'm just so thrilled about this scholarship at the Sports In-

HAWKS NOSEDIVE

South Australian Ampol Cup standings:

GROUP A									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Para Hills.....	1	1	0	0	3	0	2		
Ad City Giants.....	1	1	0	0	3	1	2		
Cumberland.....	1	0	0	1	2	3	0		
Amateurs.....	1	0	0	1	0	3	0		

GROUP B									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Croatia.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2		
Second Div.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2		
West Ad Hawks.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	1		
State Under 19.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0		

SCORERS

2 — Marochi (Adelaide City Giants)
 1 — Nyskohus (Giants), Leanne (Cumberland), Lindsay (Second Division), Amos (Para Hills), Mullen (Para Hills), Humphries (Para Hills), Caggiano (Croatia), Mahony (Cumberland)

The Adelaide City Giants and the Adelaide Hawks continued where they left off at the end of the PSL season last year.

The Giants picked up points comfortably while the Hawks again look a troubled team. Bob D'Ottavi's Giants cruised to a comfortable 3-1 win over brave Cumberland while the Hawks crashed 0-1 to last year's State league champion Croatia.

Croatia, coached last year by the Hawks' coach Billy Birch, achieved their success with 10 men after defender Tommy Williams was sent off after 32 minutes.

Meno Toutsidis



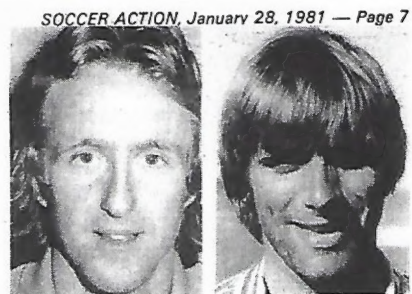
The match, a key fixture of the Ampol Cup's second round last Wednesday night at Hindmarsh Stadium, painfully illustrated that the Hawks have not been able to get rid of their bad habits.

They seem incapable of overcoming deficits and in a crisis they tend to be over anxious and start to panic. Graham Honeyman again proved he is a midfielder not a

defender a role he played without distinction against Croatia. But it is too early to pass judgement on the Hawks because Birch is still sorting out his team which will be strengthened this week with the arrival of defender-striker Neville Flounders, 22, from England.

On the other hand, Croatia must be a big threat to the Giants for the Cup, assuming both qualify for the final. But the Giants are improving with each match and if they do qualify, Croatia will have considerably more difficulty in beating them than they did in a trial game recently.

One major benefit for the Giants will be that they will have had two PSL matches under their belts when the Cup final is held on March 4.



David Jones

Alun Evans

Slickers' title under threat

ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS 2 (Mitchell 80th, Muniz 85th) SOUTH MELBOURNE GUNNERS 1 (Evans 27th)

GIANTS: Marshall 7 - Russell 9, B. Nyskohus 7, Jones 8, Besir 7 - Muniz 8, Marochi 9, Mitchell 8 - Rankin (Signore), J. Nyskohus 7, Buch 7 (Villani).

GUNNERS: Laumets 7 - Bannon 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Lutton 7 (Christopoulos), Nicolaides 7, - Rogers 7, Stevenson 8, Evans 8 - Buljevic 7, Stewart 8, Kakanyonis 7 (Cummings).

The Adelaide City Giants and John Margaritis' South Melbourne Gunners issued a stiff warning to Sydney City that its hold on the PSL championship is merely a mirage.

The Giants shot down the Gunners 2-1 in a closely fought match at Woodvale Oval last night after trailing for most of the match.

Alun Evans scored in the 27th minute after Branko Buljevic made the opening.

Youth international David Mitchell equalised in the 80th minute and just five minutes later Aggie Muniz clinched victory.

But both sides played extremely well in this attacking encounter.

South Melbourne had to leave out Scottish import Jim Shirra who is serving a two match suspension imposed while he was with Dundee.

The Gunners were not sure if Shirra could have played but they were not prepared to take a risk.

Their other Scottish import, Robert Stewart, had an excellent game and is certain to be among the goals when the league kicks off next month.

Meanwhile Sydney City midfielder John Stevenson also was in good touch. The Giants can be pleased with their new signings.

Teenagers Peter Rankin and Greg Buch, both from the State league, are overflowing with enthusiasm and raw skill.

Rankin, in particular, looks a promising striker and his acceleration will help him surge past more experienced defenders.

Giants coach Bob D'Ottavi was pleased with the form of captain Gary Marochi who has overcome a crippling leg injury.

Marochi fired two thunderbolts against Cumberland in a Cup match and was one of the Giants' most influential players against the Gunners.

Meanwhile, in a friendly match the previous Sunday, the Giants beat the Hawks (West Adelaide) 3-1 at Olympic Sports Field.

Vic Bozanic opened the scoring with a fierce free kick just after half time but the Giants responded with goals from Aggie Muniz, Glen Dods and David Mitchell.

The Giants used 16 players and the Hawks 18. — MENO TOUTSIDIS

Hellas v Heidelberg, Melita v Marconi

The draw for the first round of the Philips Cup is:

QUEENSLAND REGION
 (8 February)
 Mt. Gravatt v Brisbane City, Perry Park, 3 pm.
 Brisbane Lions v Townsville, Richlands, 3 pm.
 Byes: Grange Thistle and Marooch.

Green Gully Ajax v Essendon Croatia, Wednesday 11 March.
 Footscray v Preston.

WESTERN REGION
 Adelaide City v Croatia Adelaide, Hindmarsh Stadium, 8 February 4 pm.
 Para Hills v West Adelaide, Hindmarsh, 6 February, 8 pm.
 Byes: Kingsway Olympic (WA), Cumberland Utd.

NSW REGION
 (April)
 Wollongong City v Downer Olympic.
 Canterbury-Marrickville v St. George.
 Blacktown City v Sydney City.
 Melita Eagles v Marconi.
 Canberra City v Newcastle KB Utd (8 Feb. in Canberra).
 Sydney Olympic v Edgeworth Eagles.
 Auburn v APIA-Leichhardt.
 Western v Rapid West Point (Tas).

VICTORIAN REGION
 South Melbourne v Heidelberg Utd, Wednesday, 4 March.
 Juventus v Hakoah.

The Victorian and NSW Ampol Cup start next week. Previews will be published in the next issue.

The first round of the Victorian competition will be: SATURDAY, Feb. 7 at Olympic Park from 7.30 pm: Green Gully Ajax v. Juventus, Croatia v. Hakoah.
 SUNDAY, Feb. 8, at Green Gully Reserve, St Albans, from 2.45 pm: Croydon v. Sunshine, Frankston v. George Cross, at Jubilee Park, Ringwood from 2.45 pm: Altona v. Ringwood City, Doveton v. Northcote.

The full draw for the NSW Ampol Cup:

ROUND 1
 North Sydney Inter v. Wollongong United 6.45 pm, Fri. 6/2/81, Seymour Shaw.
 Melita Eagles v. Manly Warringah 8.30 pm, Fri. 6/2/81, Seymour Shaw.

Meadow 6.45 pm, Sat. 7/2/81, St George Stad.

Croatia Sydney v. Parramatta City 8.30 pm, Sat. 7/2/81, St George Stad.

Cant-M'Villy Oly. v. Bankstown City 6.45 pm, Fri. 13/2/81, St George Stad.

St George B.S.C. v. Arncliffe Scots 8.30 pm, Fri. 13/2/81, St George Stad.

Auburn v. Sutherland Shire, 6.45 pm, Sat. 14/2/81, Seymour Shaw.

Avala v. Polonia 8.30 pm, Sat. 14/2/81, Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 2
 North Sydney Inter v. Manly Warringah 6.45 pm, Fri. 20/2/81, Seymour Shaw.
 St George B.S.C. v. Parramatta City 8.30 pm, Fri. 20/2/81, Seymour Shaw.

Melita Eagles v. Wollongong United 6.45 pm, Wed. 25/2/81, St George Stad.

Auburn v. Polonia 8.30 pm, Wed. 25/2/81, St George Stad.

Inter Monaro v. Bankstown City 6.45 pm, Wed. 25/2/81, Seymour Shaw.

Avala v. Sutherland Shire 8.30 pm, Wed. 25/2/81, Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 3
 Manly Warringah v. Wollongong United 6.45 pm, Wed. 4/3/81, to be decided.

Melita Eagles v. North Sydney Inter 8.30 pm, Wed., 4/3/81, to be decided.

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Kay, Kafka dazzle as Basic's men triumph



NSW 2 (Kosmina 49th, and 82nd) Dynamo, Zagreb 1 (Zajec 37th) at Sydney Sports Ground.

DYNAMO: Stincic 8, Kurtela 7 (Jovicevic 8, 45th 8), Tucak 6, Zajec 8, Mustedanagic 6, Bogdan 7, (Cvetkovic 7, 56th), Poljak 7, Deveric 6, Coric 6 (Bracus 70th), Bosnjak 6 (Mlinaric 5 - 46), Kovacevic.

NSW: Maher 8, Kay 9, Wilson 7, Pullen 7, Milovanovic 6 (Griffith 7, 46th), Housseini 8, Kafka 8, Stoddard 8, Watson 7, Kosmina 8, O'Connor 7.

Dynamo Zagreb came to Sydney looking for an easy kill on its way to Canberra for a return match with Australia. After the opening 45 minutes, the visitors looked a shade better and with a one-goal lead, appeared certain of victory.

Then came two goals by John Kosmina in the second half and despite some good attacking by Dynamo, NSW won by the slenderest of margins. Shortly after the match I accompanied NSW coach Rale Basic to the Ruschutters Bay Travelodge to meet some of Dynamo's officials and get their views on the game.

"Congratulations, Rale," shouted Dynamo's coach Blazevic, as soon as we appeared through the door of the dining room. We were invited to the table with the rest of the team and soon praise for the NSW coach poured from all sides. "We did not think you had players of that calibre," said one of the players.

"It was the way you played that shocked me," exclaimed Blazevic, still shaking the hand of the bewildered Basic. He expected to meet Dynamo officials and say a friendly hello, but I am sure that he was taken aback by the barrage of congratulations. The Dynamo players offered no excuses.

"We thought we played well," said one. "If your national team is a shade better then this side, we are in for a hiding," lamented Dynamo's coach.

By ALEX VESIC

minutes to go to half time. Velimir Zajec, the Yugoslav international, picked up the ball in his half and set sail across the pitch. Beating three players, Zajec reached the twenty metre line before lobbing the advancing keeper to make it 1-0.

It was a great goal, worthy of a player of that calibre. NSW got back on level terms soon after interval, following a free kick just outside the box. Paul Kay appeared set to have a shot, but jumped over the ball. John Kosmina, the ex-Socceroo, raced in to slam the ball low towards the right hand corner. With Zelimir Stincic going the right way and covering the shot, the ball took a deflection off the wall and sailed into the net, wrongfooting the keeper, 1-1.

Dynamo showed some great skills in the next quarter of an hour, attacking with flair and determination. Abid Kovacevic, subbed in the first half, had a great shot in the 48th minute only to see Allan Maher pull off a brilliant save.

Some four minutes later Kovacevic had a good opportunity to score but shot straight at Allan Maher. Cedo Jovicevic tested Maher with a blistering shot a few minutes later and then, with only 22 minutes left, he rose high to head past Maher, but also past the post.

Determined to hold on, NSW played some skilful soccer, creating a few breaks in this reliable-looking defence of Dynamo Zagreb.

With only eight minutes to go Dynamo's defence fell asleep and Kosmina raced in to pick up an excellent through pass by Watson before slotting it past Stincic, to make it 2-1.

The crowd was stunned, as NSW players hugged and congratulated each other. And to make it even more memorable, NSW continued to play open attacking soccer, matching the famous visitors in the process.

Rale was elated, to say the least.

"Paul Kay and John Stoddard were outstanding," said Rale, "but the whole team played excellent soccer. They are a credit to NSW and soccer in Australia. They showed people of this State that soccer can be played against the top sides of the world and top results can be achieved."

It was an extraordinary game. Paul Kay (midfielder at St George) and Billy Griffiths (winger at St George) played in full back positions, completely blotting out Dynamo's most dangerous strikers!

With Housseini, Stoddard, Kafka and Watson in midfield for NSW, Dynamo had to do battle, and it was some battle!

Rale was quick to comment after the game: "How could the City of Zagreb afford not to have Kafka in one of the two teams in the first division? He is a superb player."



Coach Rale Basic

No changes: Rudi

• From page one

"Fitness is still not good enough for top international competition," Gutendorf said.

"We must plan a series of training camps. This will be done when I meet the ASF World Cup committee."

The first training camp was to have been this month, but it was called off when Marconi in particular refused to release its players, explaining it needed them for pre-season club training.

"I really wanted a training camp this month to set a standard for the players' physical fitness," Gutendorf said.

"I bought weightlifting equipment worth about \$1000 just for that camp."

"I understand the problems faced by the clubs but on the other hand, I am disappointed because I really thought that this would be the year of the national team."

"Australia, however, is not alone in having this problem."

"In England I spoke to Ron Greenwood who said he found it very difficult to prepare his team properly in the face of the players' club commitments."

"It is for this reason that the Rumanian national team, for example, is better than England's and that the so-called Third World countries are able to make incredible strides forward in international soccer."

"Indonesia, for example, played something like 50 games during an extended stay in Brazil not long before we played against them on tour. They don't care about club commitments. Neither do the Kuwaitis or Iraqis care about club involvements."

"Our administrators must wake up to the fact that countries like Indonesia may be able to overcome our greater physical ability simply because they are willing to sacrifice more."

About including youth players for the match against Dynamo Zagreb in Canberra last Sunday, Gutendorf said: "I have two jobs — one concerning the senior team, the other concerning the youth team which is preparing for the finals of the world championships in October."

"I must give the youth players an opportunity to train with and play against senior players to give them the experience they will need."

"Also, I was not happy with the prospect of playing at this time of the year. At first, I refused to play the national team, because the players are not ready."

About the national youth team, which finished last behind Sweden, Rumania and Israel in the Israel international tournament, Gutendorf said:

"We are short of forwards. Paul Kay and Peter Raskopoulos are playmakers rather than goalscorers, which leaves us only with David Mitchell up front, since Ian Hunter has a broken leg. "However, Charlie Villani of Adelaide City has apparently recovered from injury and he could strengthen the team."

"The main thing is to play together as often as possible and to keep this team together, with a few additional forwards."

Gutendorf extended his congratulations to China on having won its Asian World Cup elimination group.

"China did not field its national team against us on our visit there in 1979. Their strategy over these past two years has been remarkable and they could be the surprise team of the final stages of the qualifying series," he said.

"I already have spoken with the ASF about travelling overseas to study the Chinese national team, and also watching the qualifying series involving Kuwait and Iraq."

Gutendorf said he was anxious to have Tommy Cumming back in his squad, since Cumming has had an operation to overcome the groin injury that kept him out of soccer for most of last season.

"As soon as Cumming proves his fitness at club level and in the Victorian State team, I will call him back into the squad," Gutendorf said.

"He and Jim Tansey work very well together."

Gutendorf hailed Alan Davidson as the best player of the senior Socceroos' tour. He would not say where he intends to play Davidson. "He's an all-rounder — left back, right back, midfield, even libero" — LAURIE SCHWAB

Beat Leeds to win Cup

Dynamo Zagreb was founded on June 9 1945. It is one of the most successful and most popular clubs in Yugoslavia.

When Dynamo participates in any international or derby match, the entire one million population of Zagreb celebrates and their stadium (known as Maksimir) is crowded by 60,000 spectators.

As far as soccer in Yugoslavia is concerned, Dynamo is one of the top four clubs (known as the "Great Four"). The club has won the national championships three times and the Yugoslav Cup six times. It has never been in the bottom half of the ladder.

Since its inception 35 years ago, Dynamo has played over 2,200 matches. The club has won 76 percent of all matches played and eight percent have been drawn and the rest lost.

The club won its first match, played on June 23, 1942, against the powerful Air Force XI by 2-0.

Dynamo has many players who have become legend either in Yugoslavia or at international level. For example: Ivica Horvat, Vranjo Velj, Ivan Jazbinske, Branko Plesic, Jeljko Cakovski, Branko Zebec, August Lesnik, Jeljko Perusic, Rudolf Belin, Slaven Zambata, Drazen Jerkovic and many others.

In European Cup matches, Dynamo is the most successful Yugoslavian club. It played in the final of the UEFA Cup in 1963 and 1967.

The club won this Cup by beating Leeds United in the final. Dynamo has a fine record in international matches as the following results show: Dynamo v. Austrian National Team 5-2, Dynamo v. Milan (Italy) 1-0, Dynamo v. Juventus 2-1 and 3-0, Dynamo v. Celtic 2-1.

During the past 35 years over 60 Dynamo players have played for the Yugoslavian national team.

Current international players are: Valimir Zajec, Zeljko Kranjcar, Stjepan Deveric, Stjepan Cerin, Zelimir Stincic and Abid Kovacevic.

Most are also listed in Dynamo's squad in their current tour of Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore.



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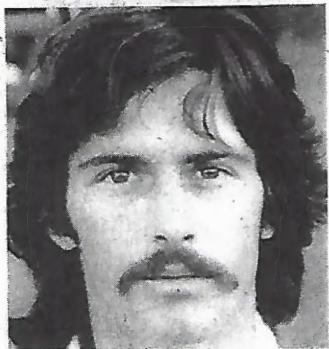
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Australian captain Murray Barnes

Despite the thousands of words written about the November-December tour, the thousands of miles of travel and the match results, Australia still has the ability and talent to reach the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

Brave words possibly, and certainly contrary to many of the reports from and since the tour, but I believe some of the positive results have been overlooked in the welter of controversy surrounding personalities.

Australia completed the eight-match programme with two wins, two draws and four losses, yet the result could so easily have been six wins. There is no way Australia had the skills to beat either Fiorentina in Florence, or Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

But if this review is to be factual, it must start at the beginning, when the young hopefuls took wing to foreign climes with the stated object of finding a national eleven to qualify for Spain.

"The Perils of Pauline", the adventurous heroine of early movie serials, was never faced with some of the problems which the Socceroos encountered on their world merry-go-round.

Probably one of the simplest descriptions was coined early in the tour by Ivo Prskalo and readily adopted by party members when he witnessed an opening spat at Sydney Airport on the night of departure and turned to his teammates with the word... "Unbelievable."

It sums up an incredibly arranged trek which involved 70 hours in jet travel, 70 hours waiting at airports, 40 hours going to and from grounds and airports in buses, 20 take-offs from airports, and booking into 18 hotels in the 33 days itinerary.

The list then becomes endless — the petrol drivers strike in Sydney, the national strike on arrival in Greece, woeful training facilities in Athens, a security scare at Milan, hotel fire alarms in England, tour match confusion, and the unending travel.

There are many more but maybe they could fit under the heading of incidents, such as no ball to start the second half of the match against Leicester City, Australia kicking off in both halves against Israel, and the match shirts problem where the Australians were given short-sleeved nylon summer shirts to play against Dinamo Zagreb in a temperature of two degrees and snow and wound up with long-sleeved thick winter jerseys for the international against Indonesia in the tropics.

Criticism of the tour was constant, and the national coach Rudi Gutendorf never minced words about the effect on the players. At one stage he called them "burnt-out", and after the loss to Hong Kong he bluntly stated the players were not tired but dead.

Gutendorf was the centre of continuing controversy during the tour with his penchant for publicity, substitutions and positional experiments. Throughout the furore which accompanied him, he staunchly maintained his claim that the tour had resulted in positive benefits.

Alan Davidson, Murray Barnes, Allan Maher and Greg Woodhouse are four names he readily quotes as success stories and who will serve Australia well for years to come.

Davidson, the find of the year, came into the team as an unheralded youth product and came home as "numero uno". His development as the tour progressed was astounding, and Gutendorf believes if he continues to improve he will be worth a minimum \$300,000 on the overseas transfer market by the end of 1981.

He gave valuable support to the often hard-pressed defence, and linked well with Barnes and the keeper of the moment. Barnes also grew in stature as stopper and captain and his future appears to be in defence. At times when he ventured upfield, he momentarily looked out of place and lacked the finesse required, but rarely was uncomfortable in the back four.

If Woodhouse had the experience of Maher, or Maher had the youth of Woodhouse, Australia would have two of the top keepers in the world. Maher lived up to his title of "Spider" with lightning reflex saves which brought looks of anguish and pats of praise from goal-hungry strikers.

Rating slightly below this quartet must come Ken Boden, whose exceptional skill qualified him on a level with many of his overseas peers, and Peter Sharne, the flying winger who could "catch a pigeon" according to Israel coach, Jack Mansell. Boden created many openings as a midfield link, while Sharne intelligently used his infrequent opportunities to speed behind the defence.

Eddie Krncevic maintained a high work-rate in every match, as did Steven Hogg, John Yzendoorn and Mark Jankovic. Yzendoorn, who was felled by tonsillitis and glandular fever at the start of the journey, made a remarkable recovery to rejoin the team, and proved the turning point in the Indonesian clash when he re-realised a sluggish midfield.

Jim Tansey and Steve Perry, until injured,

We can still make it

By TED SIMMONS, who was on tour with the Socceroos.



Argentinian star Daniel Bertoni — played for Fiorentina against the Socceroos

but initiated few attacking moves and failed to combine effectively with his fellow defenders on a number of occasions.

Of the remaining players, there appears to be room for improvement. It was obviously not Gary Cole's tour and the big striker failed to find his scoring boots. Maybe it was the strenuous season, but even open chances went begging.

Tony Henderson was another who did not measure up to his known form, while Jamie Paton, Arno Bertogna and John Spanos were given few opportunities to impress. Theo Selemedis at times showed flashes of skill in midfield, but failed to complete movements by taking the ball too far or passing poorly.

The tour began with a promising but controversial 3-3 result against Greece in Athens. A hotly disputed penalty one minute from full-time enabled Greece to snatch a draw after the Australians had gained their second wind to take the lead with two minutes remaining.

Although publicised as a national and near-World Cup side, the Greek coach experimented with some of his younger players and kept his stars in wraps for the coming World Cup qualifying match with Italy. On their home ground they were expected to win, and the way they dominated most of the second half it seemed the prediction would be correct until the tourists suddenly snapped into life.



Mimiz Domazos — played his 50th international for Greece in the game against Australia.

Against England B, the Socceroos were rated as the underdogs but with a chance of moving up on the world scale if they could achieve a good result. Their subsequent one-nil loss was praised, but what a different story if Gary Cole had converted one of his three chances. England's professional superiority was quickly on display with players like Gary Bailey, Billy Wright, Alan Sunderland, Cyrille Regis and Peter Ward, but they squandered their chances while the Australians appeared to lack the confidence needed to score.

In Florence, three players valued at a total of \$6.5 million were named in the Fiorentina team, Casagrande, Bertoni and Antognoni, and their skill proved the decisive factor in the 2-0 success of the home team. Australia matched the Italians in midfield and build-up but lacked finishing power.

Fiorentina coach Paul Carosi said Australia's technical play was good and they pressured well all over the field. However, on the occasions the Socceroos did penetrate the Italian defence, there was always someone to clear or the final pass was wasted.

The accurate boot of Boden gave Australia a memorable 2-1 victory over Leicester City and the score should have been higher. Two penalties awarded to the home team almost enabled it to draw except for a marvellous anticipatory save by Woodhouse on full time. Australia



Alan Davidson — star of the tour

dominated this match in its best performance of the tour.

It was quickly brought back to earth when Dinamo Zagreb crushed it 4-0 in ice and snow at Zagreb. Dinamo led 3-0 at half time as the Australians floundered in the freezing conditions. The visitors were never a threat at any stage, and apart from scrambling and sliding around the slippery field, failed to find a counter to the two-winger attack adopted by Dinamo.

A return to warm weather in Israel gave the Socceroos a much-needed energy transfusion in their 1-0 win at Beersheba. The flying speed of Sharne led the revival against a side which was more skilful on the day but didn't have as many open chances as the tourists. Sharne broke through a number of times with long solo runs, as did Cole and Selemedis but the chances again went begging.

It was controversy again and headlines when Hong Kong scraped to a 1-0 success in a fiery, incident-packed match which resulted in Boden being sent off, three players being cautioned and frequent fouls. Australia launched attack after attack, despite being one man short, only to see the opportunities slip by. It showed signs of tiredness in the second half and was unsettled by a series of late tackles, heavy body clashes and a stream of free kicks awarded against it.

Gutendorf aptly summed up after the game when he said "It's hard enough for ten players to compete against 11, but it is impossible against 12".

Indonesia provided a fitting finale and the 1-1 draw satisfied the huge crowd of about 60,000.

The Socceroos played as though it was the start of the tour and the result was even better considering Indonesia had beaten Hong Kong 4-0 a week earlier and had just returned from a three months tour of Brazil. The big spark came when Yzendoorn took over as sweeper after Spanos had replaced Prskalo in the 19th minute.

At stages, Gutendorf had considered the use of Tansey, Davidson and Yzendoorn as libero, a player to be free to move from behind the defence and initiate and join raids into opposition territory. Only in Jakarta did the back line also become an attacking unit.

Prskalo covered his role as sweeper satisfactorily in every match, but was disappointing in ball distribution and attack.

His style of play did not blend with Davidson, Yzendoorn and Hogg, and the younger players were more intent on creating moves rather than clearing the ball.

On the few occasions they got their act going, such as against Indonesia and Leicester City, the Australians looked every inch the number one nation in the Pacific-Asian area. And this is the problem that will give Gutendorf nightmares over the next few months leading up to the World Cup qualifying rounds.

During the tour, he experimented with a spiral system, where all of the players explode from defence into attack, but it was not a success mainly due to the failure of understanding in the linking areas, or, as the players indicated, the lack of a midfield.

"My style is to play without a midfield or playmaker," said Gutendorf. "It is simpler to push the ball forward and use the speed and power of Sharne and Cole to penetrate. Australians don't have the fine skills and control of top overseas footballers, and they give too many balls away when they come up against cultured football."

Gutendorf's substitutions became a running sore with the team and left the players uncertain of where they should play or how they should play. But more importantly, it prevented them from blending together and getting to know each other on the field.

Murray Barnes was the only member of the 19-strong squad to play in every game for the entire 90 minutes. At some stage, every other player was substituted.

By tour's end, a playmaker, a spiral system, an aggressive two-man midfield and no midfield had all been tried, but none was an outstanding success.

Another point of contention was the use in depth of all players to contain the opposition. This meant curbing the speed of Sharne by keeping him in midfield and watching for an over-lapping fullback, and at times having more in defence than Rale Rasic at his peak. It was obvious the number of times on tour that when a long ball or breakaway did occur, the Australians were unable to flow into the positions required to create a goal opportunity.

If the controversy which followed the tour is ignored, the headlines surrounding the coach forgotten, and total concentration and effort is directed towards the qualifying matches, then Australia could once again find itself matching skills with the greats of the soccer world.

But if the players do not respond, and the coach cannot create and maintain the stimu-

ALL THE TOUR DETAILS

AUSTRALIA 3 GREECE 3 at Alexandra Stadium, Athens, Nov 11 at 2.45 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 7 (Maher 75m), Perry 8, Tansey 8, Prskalo 8, Barnes 8, Henderson 8, Boden 8 (Jankovic half time), Davidson 8, Sharne 7, Cole 7 (Selemedis 85m), Krncevic 7 (Bertogna 75m).

GREECE: Basile Konstantinou (Moukaka 75m), John Gounaris (Xanthopoulos 11m), John Papatrakis, Petros Ravoulis, George Paraschos, Costa Balas, George Zindras, George Koudas (Dallier half time), Greg Harnamidis, Mimiz Domazos (Mavromatis 74m), John Demasiak (Valouras 79m).

SCORERS: Cole 23m, Demasiak 25, Domazos 68m, Barnes 84m, Selemedis 85m, Dallier 89m (penalty).

REFEREE: Balis Vourakis (Athens). Crowd: 11,300.

YELLOW CARDS: Krncevic 10m, Prskalo 85m.

AUSTRALIA 0 ENGLAND "B" 1 at St Andrews, Birmingham Nov. 17, at 7.30 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8, Perry 8 (Selemedis 60m), Tansey 7, Barnes 7, Prskalo 7, Henderson 7, Davidson 8 (Hogg 21m), Sharne 6, Boden 7 (Jankovic 82m), Cole 8 (Bertogna 77m), Krncevic 8.

ENGLAND: Gary Bailey, Brendan Batson (Kevin Bond 60m), John Bailey, Steve Williams, Joe Gallagher, Billy Wright, Alan Sunderland, Dennis Mortimer, Cyril Rags (Tony Morley 88m), Gordon Cowans, Peter Ward.

SCORER: Sunderland 51m.

REFEREE: Pieter Raas. Crowd: 3,292.

AUSTRALIA 0 FIORENTINA 2, Florence Stadium, Wednesday Nov 19 at 7.00 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8 (Woodhouse 85m), Perry 8, Davidson 8, Prskalo 7, Barnes 7, Henderson 7, Sharne 6, Boden 9 (Selemedis 84m), Cole 7 (Jankovic half time), Paton 8, Krncevic 7.

FIORENTINA: Gali (Pallanca 73m), Reali, Contratto (Tendi half time), Guarni (Galbati 71m), Ferroni, Orlandini (Novellino 81m), Restall (Sacchetti half time), Casagrande (Manzo 81m), Rossi (Desolati half time), Antognoni, Bertoni.

SCORERS: Antognoni 10m Orlandini 45m.

REFEREE: Raulo Bergamo. Crowd: Approx 6,000.

AUSTRALIA 2 LEICESTER CITY 1 at Fribert St. Stadium Leicester on Monday November 24 at 7.30 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 8, Perry 7, Davidson 8, Barnes 8, Bertogna 7, Prskalo 8, Henderson 7 (Yzendoorn 54m), Sharne 7 (Jankovic 78m), Hogg 7 (Selemedis 89m), Krncevic 8, Boden 9 (Cole 84m).

LEICESTER CITY: Wallington, Scott, Mark Goodwin, Williams, May (Melrose 57m), John O'Neill, Hamill, Linaker (Gilson 57m), Martin Henderson (Byrne 79m), Kevin

AUSTRALIA 0 DINAMO ZAGREB 4 Dinamo Stadium Zagreb, Thursday Nov. 27th at 5 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse 8, Perry 8, Davidson 7 (Spanos half time), Barnes 7, Prskalo 8, Henderson 8 (Yzendoorn 34m), Sharne 7 (Paton 58m), Hogg 7, Boden 7 (Jankovic half time), Cole 8 (Selemedis 28m), Krncevic 8 (Bertogna 81m).

DINAMO ZAGREB: Stolic (Ivkovic half time), Kurlata, Jovicvic, Mustedanagic (Milneric half time), Zajec (Kusa half time), Bogdan, Munjakovic (Bošnjak half time), Cerin (Dumbovic 56m), Deric, Kitanjar (Morano half time), Kovacic (Cvetkovic 83m).

SCORERS: Kovacic 8m, Cerin 25m, Munjakovic 37m, Bogdan 73m.

REFEREE: Ivan Vinder. Crowd: About 3,000.

AUSTRALIA 1 ISRAEL 0, Beersheva Stadium, Tuesday Dec 2, at 2.30 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8, Hogg 7, Davidson 8, Barnes 8, Prskalo 7, Henderson 8 (Jankovic 28m), Sharne 8, Boden 7, Cole 7 (Selemedis 81m), Yzendoorn 7, Krncevic 8.

ISRAEL: Mizrahi, Kiri, Machacha half time, Shtatn, Ekhoit, Doron-Lam, Barter, Fogel, Dami, Misim Cohen, Turk (Bar half time).

SCORER: Cole pen 28m.

REFEREE: Zvi Sharir. Crowd: Abt 5,000.

AUSTRALIA 0 HONG KONG 1 National Stadium, Hong Kong, Dec. 5 at 8.00 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8, Hogg 7 (Selemedis 60m), Davidson 8, Barnes 8, Prskalo 7, Jankovic 7 (Henderson 79m), Sharne 8, Boden 7, Cole 7 (Paton 70m), Yzendoorn 7, Krncevic 7.

HONG KONG: Chan van Ngok, Lai sun Cheung (Taang chek 38m), Hugh McRory, Choi York Yee, Au wing Hung (Chu kwok Kuan half time), Wu Kwok Hung, Chan sai Kau, Taang Ting Fai, Fung chi Ming, Wun chee Keung (Tsu Kwok half time), Lau Wing Yip.

SCORER: Lau Wing Yip 85m.

REFEREE: Chan Yim Sun. Crowd: 8,548.

CARDS: Boden sent off 30m for alleged kicking. Yal-

low: Ngok (HK) 44m, Yzendoorn 54m, Prskalo 68m.

AUSTRALIA 1 INDONESIA 1, Senayan Stadium, Jakarta, Dec. 7 at 7.00 pm.

AUSTRALIA: Maher 8, Davidson 8, Yzendoorn 8, Henderson 7, Prskalo 6, (Spanos 19m, Cole half time), Barnes 8, Sharne 8, Boden 7, Jankovic 8 (Selemedis 80m), Hogg 7, Krncevic 8 (Paton 75m).

INDONESIA: Poerwono, Simson Rumesapasa, Didi Darmadi, Bardi Tutarima, Rony Purnadinasari (Naif Salasa 57m), Subangkit, Bambang Nugraenayah, Hadi Ismanto, Zulham, Effendi, Rully Nara, Budi Johannes (Bambang Su-

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The Australian team has no adequate plan of attack. That is the majority view of eight leading soccer personalities.

Most of them agree that Jimmy Rooney should be brought back into the squad but they also believe that Australia still has a good chance of qualifying for the World Cup finals in Spain.

The eight experts are:

BILLY VOJTEK: Scored 13 goals in 43 games for Australia and is now player-coach of Victorian First Division club Western Suburbs.

JIMMY MACKAY who played in the 1974 World Cup finals during his 52 games for Australia;

FRANK MUNRO, capped 13 times for Scotland and now coach of Victorian First Division club Albion Rovers after stints with Hellas and Juventus;

FRANK MICIC, nine games for Australia and more than 60 for Victoria;

CEDO CIRKOVIC, player and coach of Footscray J.U.S.T. over a 14-year period;

BOBBY MCLACHLAN, coach of Victorian State League club Ajax and coach of the 1978 Australian schoolboys squad that toured the U.S.;

KEN KONTRA, former Victorian State coach;

JOHN GARDINER, dual Rothmans Medalist and former player-coach of Essendon Croatia.

MUNRO, they're playing well defensively, but not in attack. The object now must be to settle down into a set 11. I like Henderson in midfield. Cole is playing up front with no support, but when he does get through, he sometimes misses badly, like against England 'B'. Davidson's been as good as anyone.

He's better at left back than midfield where he's a bit lost. If Tansey plays left back, Davidson could be sweeper. He's quick, he reads the game perfectly. I'm disappointed he hasn't given Paton an extended run, as he and Cole together are dynamite. I've been impressed by Sharne but there's still room for Rooney, the old head, to steady it down. Too many are giving the ball away at the moment. Barnes has been a big success, a plus for the coach, Davidson's great, and I think Vince Bannon could be brought in as right back. He's better than the others. As for the World Cup, we have a good chance.

MACKAY, the team is not as well organised and

there's not as much self-discipline as 1974. Whether the many changes cause that I don't know. They're not putting three or four passes together at the moment. The first 15 minutes against England 'B' every tackle was a free kick, and the team looked slow. Our defence is good but we're not creating chances. When we do, they are only individual efforts, not the result of team build-ups. Midfield is not adequate, not a unit. Also, the team seems to change for every game but I think they'll qualify because I don't think the standard of the opposition is the best. I'm disappointed Rooney's not in it. He had a bad trot, but everyone does, and even if he's not in the first 11, it's reassuring to have him in the squad for his great attitude and experience. In the PSL Cole is given maybe eight or 10 chances by his midfielders, and he scores one or two. Against top company and without much midfield support, he's getting maybe two or three chances which is not enough. The team of 1974 was based on an excellent group of midfielders — Warren, Richards, Rooney, Baartz, Campbell. We have few recognised midfielders today. But you have to feel for the boys — the travel, the hard season. We've got the right playing style for away games — defence and quick counter-attacks — but I don't know about home games, when we'll be up against a packed defence.

VOJTEK: In regards to the tour, I can't go along with the excuse that the boys were tired. All past tours have been difficult and all past tours have been at the end of a hard season. In 1970, we played 15 matches all over the world in less than five weeks. What Gutendorf should have been looking for is to stabilise the team so he could come back with a set unit to represent Australia in the World Cup qualification rounds. That, after all, was the reason the team went on tour in the first place. The way the players began in Greece was encouraging and I thought they may go on from there. Even the result against England B was very respectable and it appeared Gutendorf may have hit upon a steady team but all that fell by the wayside. Against Floren-

Experts see faults in forward play and midfield

tina we didn't use our best team — why not? Was Rudi scared of losing? The team was chopped and changed against Dynamo Zagreb and it was probably during that game that any remaining confidence was drained from the players. Now I must correct reports that the victory against Israel was the first by an Australian team over there. In fact, we beat a much, much stronger Israel team in Tel Aviv in 1970 in front of 55,000 people. This time Israel fielded only its second-string side. The result on paper is of course a good one so the players do deserve credit for it's always very hard to win away. Yet after that good result, they had a disgraceful 0-1 loss to Hong Kong, which indicates that the team is not stable enough and still doesn't know how to be consistent. Is that due to too many changes? It is due to players being taken off when they feel that they need more time to settle down into play? All players must be encouraged to play up to their ability but at the moment they do not have the confidence to do what they are able to because as soon as they make a mistake, they are taken off. As for style of play, I don't really think we have one. Against Indonesia we should have had three big strikers up front all the time. I don't see why strikers should have to drop back to defend in the penalty area against an Indonesian team which must be considered one of our weaker World Cup opponents. Eddie Krncevic must be up front all the time because he can score consistently with headers. In midfield we should have a mixture of good ball players and hard tacklers. Australia should put four or five Bodens on the field. Then we'd have a good chance.

If the team is left unchanged this year then our chances of qualifying for the World Cup finals will be far greater. Nevertheless I still think we will qualify.

MICIC: The team was hard to judge from this tour because players were tired after a long season and extensive travel. They looked ragged, sloppy, they lacked sharpness in the game against Israel. Gutendorf is making too many changes. Krncevic has the physique and energy to be typical midfielder, so he should stay there and learn the position. Cole can't play anywhere else, so he must be the striker. We need one experienced man in midfield, Rooney maybe.

perience in defence. He knows the game, he's a leader, he knows all the tricks. I think when they settle down and are fresh again after a rest, they will be good team and will qualify for the World Cup, but Rudi must give the players more confidence by letting them play full games without so many positional changes and substitutions. Fighting spirit is good, there's a lot of speed and we have good forwards. Davidson should be left at full back; he's strong, confident, an excellent player. But I'm not impressed by Woodhouse. Maher is a better keeper. Midfield is the biggest problem.

CIRKOVIC: coach, I believe in Rudi I think he'll get us to the World Cup. It was a hard tour, yet results were quite good. Forget the 0-4 to Zagreb, that was due to the extreme cold. The fact that Rudi goes onto the touchline and makes referees angry doesn't matter. He is totally committed, he has a very European temperament. Best thing is that the best players are the local ones — Davidson, Krncevic, Sharne, Barnes. Ridiculous that clubs still keep bringing players from overseas instead of encouraging more young ones to come up. We can make Beckenbauers and Keegans of our own.

KONTRA: We have a good chance of making it to Spain. The results have been positive and Gutendorf is doing a good job. He has a one-track mind — to get to Spain, and he's doing it in his typically flamboyant way. He's done a lot for young players, which will benefit us in the future. It looks like he wants to bypass the midfield, because we can't get much midfield play against top opponents anyway. Instead, he's concentrating on quick, long balls forward to take advantage of our fast forwards, Sharne and Cole. Defence and counter-attack — just like Rasic.

MCLACHLAN: Australia is the land of the knockers. Everyone seems to delight in knocking the coach no matter who he is — Rasic, Green, Shoulder, now Gutendorf. If things go wrong you should blame not the coach but the people who put him there. Once the coach is there, he deserves everyone's support. Gutendorf let me down a couple of times but I am 100 percent behind him. Some people in high places sincerely hope

well, but it's easier to defend than to play attacking soccer. They must work more on getting players forward. As things are I pity poor Gary Cole up there all by himself. Sharne comes back very deep too and when he does go on his runs, he outspeeds even his team mates, and when he crosses it there's no-one there to score. Rudi must leave at least two strikers right forward, otherwise we won't score. Krncevic should be up there together with Cole. But we've got to give them all credit for the huge amount of work load they carry. Gutendorf had two years to settle the team but he's still mucking about. In four months he'll have to produce a settled team and stand up and be counted. I hope for the sake of Australian soccer he's successful. We've missed Tommy Cumming. He'd be an asset. He gets in to scoring positions, while Sharne runs up and falls over. Physical strength and defence are our greatest assets, plus speed up front. An effort should be made to persuade Gary Byrne to play, also they give the ball away too easily. The goalkeeper kicks it up, it comes back and they're under pressure again.

and forwards do not link up together. Gutendorf is aware of that himself. He must have come back a wiser man for this tour and so he should be able to make the team even stronger. One problem is there are not many tremendously outstanding stars about. Of the good ones, Gutendorf has most of the, with only one or two exceptions. Maybe Rooney and Muir could come back. We need a good central axis — goalkeeper, sweeper, centre half, defensive midfielder — like Kelly, Wilson, Schaefer, Richards of 1974. There may be too many substitutions but who's to say the nature of the players wouldn't have prompted any other coach to do likewise. What is most important is that the 11 players on the field give 100 percent effort.

GARDINER: Too many players have been used, and still too many changes and substitutions are being made. They're defending

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Statistically, the Socceroos' world tour was their most unsuccessful of modern times.

On the world tour of 1976, the Socceroos failed to score in only one of their 11 matches but this time, despite having a promising set of forwards, they were held scoreless in four of their eight tour games.

They scored an average .86 goals and conceded an average 1.6 goals a game. The 1976 touring team had exactly the same defensive record but scored more goals — an average 1.45 a game.

The Australian team of 1976 was the first to drop a point in Indonesia and the first to lose to Hong Kong —



Australia's team for the Israeli youth tournament. Back row: David Skeen, Tony Radford, Dennis Ivanac, Vlatko Belic, Gerardo Gomez, Peter Raskopoulos, John Little, Grant Lee. Middle Row: Oscar Crino, Glen Ahern, Ian Hunter, Steve Blair, Calvin Daunt, David Mitchell, David Watt. Front Row: Spencer Thorpe (masseur), Robert Wheatley, Paul Kay, Michael Weinstein (tour leader), Rudi Gutendorf (coach), Brian Emery (ASF Youth Development Officer), Brett Woods, Jim Patikas.

Report and pictures by **LES SHORROCK** who travelled with the youth team

The ASF's Youth Development programme, aimed at the best possible team in the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships in October, took its most ambitious step yet in the Israel Winter Youth Tournament.

At first, it was intended to by-pass the Oceania Tournament in Fiji, but when sponsorship was forthcoming, it was decided to go — a decision that rebounded when captain Ian Hunter broke his leg in the final against New Zealand, which was lost in extra time.

Hunter's inability to travel to Israel was probably the single most telling factor in the young Socceeroos' Israel performances, for at one blow the team lost a skillful midfielder, its best striker and most of all an inspiring captain.

It had been intended to augment the Fiji party of 18 by the addition of two more players, but the omission of Hunter and also Craig McLatchey, who was injured, enabled the ASF to reverse the original fatuous decision not to send a physiotherapist, and Leichhardt's Spencer Thorpe and assistant coach Bill Curran were added at the last minute.

While the Israel FA had a doctor in attendance at the hostel that accommodated all five teams in the tournament, no physiotherapy treatment was available and it is no exaggeration to say that we would have been struggling to field a team had it not been for Thorpe's efforts.

Several of the Fiji party arrived carrying minor injuries after the hard grounds there and the steamy heat of Fiji, followed by Sydney's humidity and then the icy cold, of Israel in winter saw half the party down with 'flu in the first week.

The party was: from N.S.W., Gerry Gomez, Paul Kay, Grant Lee, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos, Dave

Skeen, David Watt, Robert Wheatley, and Brett Woods. From Victoria, Vlatko Belic, Steve Blair, Oscar Crino, and John Little. From South Australia, David Mitchell and Tony Radford. Queenslanders Glen Ahern and Calvin Daunt, and the West's lone representative was Denis Ivanac.

The party arrived just after dusk in Israel on Christmas Eve but Rudi Gutendorf insisted on a training session right away.

Since Christmas is not observed in Israel, it was busy as usual the next day too, with two training sessions, and then a further setback occurred, as Gerry Gomez was found to be unfit with a carked thigh and Dave Skeen ricked his ankle in training. Glen Ahern went straight to bed with the 'flu, although he played in the disappointing opening game against Greece. The Greek game set the pattern for the trip, as far as the Aussies were concerned. They soon gained midfield domination but couldn't finish, and they were to suffer the same fate in the games against Sweden and Israel.

Vlatko Belic, who had a reasonable game in midfield against Greece, was the next 'flu victim and he missed the rest of the tournament.

Almost straight away it was seen that the squad was overloaded with defenders but was light on attackers and although Gutendorf later tried shuffling the pack by trying Oscar Crino up front at one stage, he was always handicapped by having no more than 13 outfield players available from which to pick 10 which severely limited his options.

On January 2, the day after the tournament ended, the other four countries' squads departed, leaving the Aussies virtually to themselves, and with the swimming pool and tennis courts closed for the winter, they were able to concentrate on twice-daily training with three friendlies for relief.

They improved noticeably with specialised training and being together, and Gutendorf observed that had the competition been played then, the Aussies would have won.

So the biggest benefit, as far as the development programme was concerned, was that a hard core of players had

YOUTH SQUAD NEEDS SEVEN NEW PLAYERS



The closing ceremony of the Israeli winter tournament at Ashdod.

The successes, who should keep their places, were the two goalkeepers, Ahern and Ivanac, full-backs Wheatley and Woods, stopper Steve Blair, whom all the other coaches generously conceded was the best player of the tournament, Dave Skeen, as sweeper and Oscar Crino.

Crino played well, but his knee could prove a problem, and of all the forwards, only David Mitchell looked worth persevering with.

Peter Raskopoulos took over the captaincy in Hunter's absence but had a poor tournament, no doubt hampered by being unable to shake off the 'flu.

Rudi Gutendorf was critical of the PSL clubs who snap up promising boys and then sit them on the bench for the rest of the season, which has been the fate of Jim Patikas and several other lads. "How can they learn sitting on the bench," he says, bitterly, and he's right.

Manager and Youth Development officer Brian Emery said that the tour had been valuable experience, but the search for more players must go on and Gutendorf will visit all the States in trial any time

him, and if we are not to be made to look foolish in October, another seven players at least must be found and groomed by June when the ASF hopes to take part in the Mexican youth tournament, where teams of the calibre of England, Holland, Italy, Mexico and the U.S. will be encountered.

Rumanian coach Mircea Radulescu said on his return to Rumania from Israel that he was impressed by the physique of the Australian players and that they would be dangerous opponents in the youth finals if they continue to improve.

He was particularly impressed by Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos and Oscar Crino.

ROUND ONE

AUSTRALIA 0 GREECE 1 (Filippopoulos 55) Sunday, December 28, Patah Tikvah:

AUSTRALIA: Ahern 8, Wheatley 7, Crino 7 Woods 7, Blair 8, Raskopoulos 5, Belic 7, Kay 6, (Radford 65), Patikas 7, Daunt 5 (Mitchell 60), Little 6. **GREECE:** Pitsis 8, Pantelis 8, Vlachos 7, Mpaniyanidis 6, Filippopoulos 8, Nastos 6, Grammenos (sent off 60). Referee A Klein, Israel.

For the opening game, Gerry Gomez and Dave Skeen were ruled out through injury and Calvin Daunt was preferred in the striker role over David Mitchell.

Australia swarmed Greece in the opening minutes, forcing three corners in as many minutes and bringing out the best in Greek goalkeeper George Pitsis.

It seemed only a matter of time before they scored but despite forcing opening after opening, the nearest they came was when Vlatko Belic, clean through, hit the bar.

Steve Blair came up for one corner and was dropped in the penalty box by a defender's left hook.

The linesman flagged vigorously and was eventually consulted by FIFA referee Abraham Klein, who to everyone's amazement, didn't even speak to the player identified by the linesman.

The Australians dominated as the second half started but were checked when a

volley past Ahern to put Greeks ahead.

In an effort to inject more punch up front, Gutendorf brought on Tony Radford for Paul Kay and David Mitchell for Daunt, but the Aussies continued to squander their chances.

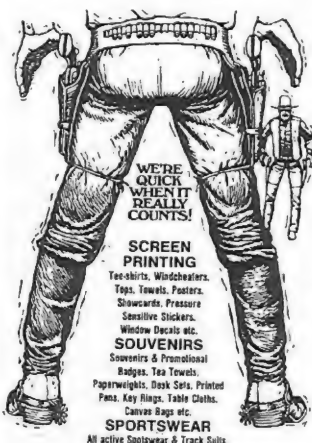
Greece's Nick Grammenos was sent off in the 60th minute, but Greece hung on comfortably for a hard-earned win.

ISRAEL 0 SWEDEN 1 (Pettersen 65)

ISRAEL: Ginzburg, Ozen (Jair), Pizawit, Shiri, Kirshner, Stampo, Walzman (Majika), Malka, Balachaan, Ekahteln (Shoshani), Begleiter.

SWEDEN: Andersson S, Andersson P, Andersson U (Holler), Bargman, Holm, Willborg, Emilson, Lindkvist (Persson), Pettersson, Mork, Svensson.

Referee, Marinallia, Greece. Sweden which had arrived only hours before the match, looked somewhat jaded, but composed, and although Israel had most of the game, Sweden snatched the points late in the game with a glorious diving header by Stefan Pettersson.



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SWEDEN WINS IT

Final Table of the Israel's winter tournament:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden.....	4	3	1	0	3	1	6
Greece.....	4	2	1	1	2	3	5
Rumania.....	4	2	0	2	7	4	4
Israel.....	4	2	0	2	3	4	4
Australia.....	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

GOALSCORERS

Sweden: Petersson Stefan 3
Greece: Filippopoulos 2
Rumania: Curteanu 2, Vuia 2, Balint, Hanghiuc, Lasconi
Israel: Jacob, Malka, Shir.
Australia: Crino, Daunt.

BEST PLAYERS

Sweden: Christer Willborg, Stefan Petersson, Peter Andersson.
Greece: Basile Peristeropoulos, George Pittsis, Nicolaos Tsiantakis.
Rumania: Gaurila Balint, Ion Curteanu, Iulian Udricu.
Israel: Sami Malka, Beni Ginzburg, Erez Kirshner.
Australia: Steve Blair, Brett Woods, Oscar Crino.



John Little (centre), stands at the near post awaiting an Australian corner. Little's Rumanian opponent is jostling for position and the mud-smattered Rumanian 'keeper gets ready for action.

towards the close. Christer Willborg, sweeping, and forwards Emilsson and Petersson were their best.
For Israel, goalkeeper Beni Ginzburg and aggressive forward Sami Malka were prominent.

ROUND TWO

AUSTRALIA 0 SWEDEN 0 at Ashkelon, Monday Dec. 29.

AUSTRALIA: Ahern, 7 Wheatley 8, Crino 7, Woods 2, Blair 10, Little 6, Raskopoulos (capt) 5, Patikas 6 (Radford) 55, Kay 6, Mitchell 6, Watt 5, (Daunt 45).

SWEDEN: Andersson S, 7, Andersson P, 6, Andersson U 6 (Holter 55), Bergman 8, Holm 6 (Persson), Willborg 8, Emilsson 7, Lindquist 6, Petersson 7, Mork 6, Svensson 6.

Referee: Sahkenezay, Israel. Ashkelon, some 80 kilometres South of Tel Aviv, is over 4000 years old and is mentioned in the Bible as a scene of many a pitched battle between the Philistines and the Hebrews.

The stadium must date from that era too, and the show-ers dressing rooms are so small that only six players at a time could strip in them.

So, although it rained steadily all day, most of the players elected to dress outside the rooms.

It was a great display by Australia which after the previous day's set-back were conscious that they needed a win.

Steve Blair was brilliant, dominating the rather small ground with his heading ability and completely shuffling out the dangerous Stefan Petersson while Wheatley and Woods, equally effectively, nullified Thomas Emilsson and Jan Svensson.

Sweden never managed a shot at the Australian goal and for long periods Glen Ahern didn't touch the ball.

Although the midfield was weakened by the absence of the victim Vlatko Belic, it still won its share of the ball and Australia created the only two clear-cut chances of a game dominated by defences.

Both came in the second half. Raskopoulos, clean through, hit the foot of the post when it would have been easier to score and Mitchell, trying to place the ball from close range was mortified to see the ball bounce off the goalkeeper's outstretched foot as he went the wrong way.

Gutendorf brought on Daunt and Radford but the Swedes, well-marshalled by the efficient Willborg, put up the shutters, and grabbed a lucky point.

RUMANIA 0 ISRAEL 1 (Shiri 65) at Rishon Le Zion Dec 29.

RUMANIA: Girjoaba, Badoe, Dusanu, Curteanu, Hanghiuc (Badoe D 55), Preda, Udricu, Balint, Vuia, Mustata, Lasconi (Caika 60).

ISRAEL: Ginzburg, Kirshner, Pizanti, Stampo, Zemach, Shir, Balachsan, Malka, Jair, Edri, Begleibor.

Referee: Ingemar Johansson Sweden.

This was the first appearance of the dreaded Rumanians and while the Aussies were opposing Sweden at Ashkelon, assistant coach Bill Curran went to watch this game at Rishon.

He reported back, singularly unimpressed that they were not better than the rest, a fact borne out by the score. (We were not to know then, that they had sent their second string team!).

ROUND THREE

AUSTRALIA 1 (Crino) ROMANIA 3 (Vuia, Curteanu, Lasconi) Tuesday Dec 30

AUSTRALIA: Ahern 7, Wheatley 6, Crino 7, Woods 2, Blair 7, Mitchell 6, Little 8 (Lee H.T.), Kay 6, (Daunt 55), Raskopoulos 5, Patikas 6 (Watt H.T.), Radford 6.

RUMANIA: Girjoaba 7, Badoe M (sent off 60), Dusanu 7, Curteanu 6, Hanghiuc 6, Preda 6, Vorica 7, Balint 8, Vuia 7, Caika 6, Lasconi 6 (Negoiita 55).

Referee: Marinelli, Greece.

Australia was beaten for the second time, coincidentally by a team that had a player sent off, after once again creating enough chances to have won. All three goals came as a result of defensive errors.

In only the third minute, Wheatley allowed his winger to outpace him and cross to Silvio Vuia who had ghosted goal-side of Brett Woods.

As the ball came over, Vuia volleyed it powerfully into the roof of the net and from then on the Aussies always had a mountain to climb.

But their bad luck in front of goal persisted. Tony Radford hit the bar and then Raskopoulos 'scored' only to be adjudged offside.

They were getting on top, though, when Rumania was awarded a free-kick some 20 yards out. Rumania's well-named Ion Curteanu stepped up and blasted the ball past the end of the Australian wall and amazingly, under Ahern's dive, for No. 2.

At half-time Gutendorf gambled, swapping Jim Patikas and John Little for Grant Lee and Dave Watt and also switching Oscar Crino into attack and pushing Steve Blair into the midfield.

The move paid off almost straight away as Crino scored, but it left the back exposed and Horatiu Lasconi punished some slack marking when he pushed the ball past a hesitant Ahern for Rumania's third goal.

After that, the Aussies never looked like saving the game even though Rumania's right back, Marian Badoe, was sent off with 20 minutes left.

As against Greece, our boys seemed to have no idea of how to exploit their extra man and once again was defeated by 10 men.

SWEDEN: Andersson S, Andersson P, Holter, Bergman, Holm, Willborg, Emilsson, Lindquist, Persson, Mork, Svensson.

Referee: A. Klein, Israel.

Sweden climbed to the top of the tournament table by gaining a point from a game dominated by two well-organised defences.

The only other noteworthy feature was that the game, scheduled for Kiriat Gat, was switched at the last minute to the training ground at the teams' hotel, as, with Israel experiencing its wettest winter for years, several grounds, including Kiriat Gat, were deemed unplayable.

For some reason that was never fully explained, league grounds like the very good Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa were not made available, even though all league matches in Israel are played on Saturdays.

How a top FIFA referee like Abraham Klein could allow the Israeli F.A. to persuade him to pass the Shefayim training ground for an international match is beyond comprehension.

Despite having scored only one goal, the Swedes now lead the tournament with four points from three games!

ROUND FOUR

AUSTRALIA 1 (Daunt) ISRAEL 2 (Malka 14, Jacob 71) at Yehud, Wednesday, Dec. 31.

AUSTRALIA: Ivanac 6, Watt 7, Skeen 8, Wheatley 6, Woods 6, Kay 6, Blair 7, Raskopoulos 5 (Patikas 60), Lee 6, Crino 6 (Daunt h.t.), Little 6.

ISRAEL: Ginzburg 8, Kirshner 6, Pizanti 6, Shir 6, Zemach 7, Stampo 7, Balachsan 6, Malka 8, Jacob 7, Edri 6, Begleibor 6.

Referee: Z. Shafir, Israel.

With nothing to gain any more, Gutendorf turned this game into a virtual full-scale practice match by giving four different players a run.

Denis Ivanac replaced Glen Ahern in goal. Dave Skeen played his first game after injury in the sweeper role and Dave Watt and Grant Lee had their first starts too.

To complete the reshuffle, Wheatley moved to the stopper position to accommodate Watt, Oscar Crino went from sweeper to striker, and Steve Blair was tried out in the midfield.

Accordingly, the defence was all at sea in the opening phase, and after fourteen minutes Sami Malka scored a soft goal, after three defenders had seen the ball criss-cross the Australian's box without clearing it.

The rest of the first half was a pain to watch and at half-time Rudi Gutendorf turned this game into a normal line-up.

The team was transformed and completely dominated the game, until it came to finishing.

Chances were squandered freely by John Little, Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay and Jim Patikas, all of whom broke clear, only to shoot

dards, let alone International ones, the surface consisting of rolled mud and sand, which was still being raked level as the teams kicked in at the warm-up, and on one flank, the touch-line was a mere three feet from the concrete boundary wall. (see pictures).

ment, with now fewer than three teams in contention, with four points each.

Rumania, with six goals to two in its favour, is to meet Sweden, whose goal difference is a mere one to none, in the first game as Ashdod.

They both have four points, but should they draw, the way will be open for Greece or three points, or Israel on four, to win the title. Greece's goal difference is a miserable one to three and Israel's three to two.

ROUND FIVE

SWEDEN 2 (Petersson, pens) RUMANIA 1 (Curteanu, pen) at Ashdod, January 1, 1981.

SWEDEN: Andersson S, Andersson P, Holter, Bergman, Holm, Willborg, Emilsson, Petersson, Magnusen (Lindquist), Mork, Svensson.

RUMANIA: Girjoaba, Badoe M, Dusanu, Curteanu, Hanghiuc, Preda (Negoiita), Udricu (Badoe C), Balint, Vuia, Caika, Lasconi.

Referee: Shafir, Israel.

In a match notable only for the fact that all three goals came from penalties, Sweden coolly clinched the title by

holding Rumania's rampant attack firmly in check.

The Swedes first penalty came after 16 minutes and was calmly slotted past Girjoaba by striker Stefan Petersson.

Then, sensationally, each side was awarded a penalty within a minute, and all the penalty decisions were fully justified.

Rumania's Ion Curteanu equalised at the 36th minute, but Sweden's penalty followed one minute later and again the efficient Petersson did what was necessary.

So the Israelis were left with the task of winning by at least two goals to win the championship, in the second leg, at the same ground.

GREECE 1 (Filippopoulos 22) ISRAEL 0 at Ashdod, January 1, 1981.

GREECE: Pittsis, Pantelis, Vogiatzis, Manousos, Lefkopoulou, Filippopoulos, Mpehiyanidis, Peristeropoulos, Patronis, Nastos, Grammenos.

ISRAEL: Ginzburg, Kirshner, Pizanti, Shir, Zemach, Stampo, Balachsan, Malka, Jacob, Edri, Begleibor.

Referee: Ginzburg, Kirshner, Pizanti, Shir, Zemach, Stampo, Balachsan, Malka, Jacob, Edri, Begleibor.



Grant Lee (centre), receives his prize for winning a goal-scoring competition at training. Coach Rudi Gutendorf (right) congratulates Lee and gives him a chocolate bar. Others in the picture, from left: Bill Curran (assistant coach), Dennis Ivanac, Gerardo Gomez, Glen Ahern, David Mitchell and Peter Raskopoulos.

RUMANIA 3 (Balint, Vuia, Hanghiuc) GREECE 0 at Kiriat Malachi, Wed. Dec 31.

RUMANIA: Girjoaba, Negoiita, Dusanu, Curteanu, Hanghiuc, Preda, Udricu (Badoe C), Balint, Vuia, Caika, Lasconi (Mustata).

GREECE: Pittsis, Pantelis, Vogiatzis, Ladas (Tsiantakis), Lefkopoulou, Filippopoulos, Peristeropoulos, Patronis, Nastos, Grammenos, Dimitropoulos.

Referee: Sahkenezay, Israel.

In view of Greece's previously good defensive record, this was a stunning result that put Rumania in the box seat for the championship, if only by virtue of their goal-scoring record. Rumania was 2-0 at half-time and ran out decisive winners.

The stage was now set for a thrilling finale to the tournament, with now fewer than three teams in contention, with four points each.

Rumania, with six goals to two in its favour, is to meet Sweden, whose goal difference is a mere one to none, in the first game as Ashdod.

They both have four points, but should they draw, the way will be open for Greece or three points, or Israel on four, to win the title. Greece's goal difference is a miserable one to three and Israel's three to two.

ROUND FIVE

SWEDEN 2 (Petersson, pens) RUMANIA 1 (Curteanu, pen) at Ashdod, January 1, 1981.

SWEDEN: Andersson S, Andersson P, Holter, Bergman, Holm, Willborg, Emilsson, Petersson, Magnusen (Lindquist), Mork, Svensson.

RUMANIA: Girjoaba, Badoe M, Dusanu, Curteanu, Hanghiuc, Preda (Negoiita), Udricu (Badoe C), Balint, Vuia, Caika, Lasconi.

Referee: Shafir, Israel.

In a match notable only for the fact that all three goals came from penalties, Sweden coolly clinched the title by

holding Rumania's rampant attack firmly in check.

The Swedes first penalty came after 16 minutes and was calmly slotted past Girjoaba by striker Stefan Petersson.

Then, sensationally, each side was awarded a penalty within a minute, and all the penalty decisions were fully justified.

Rumania's Ion Curteanu equalised at the 36th minute, but Sweden's penalty followed one minute later and again the efficient Petersson did what was necessary.

So the Israelis were left with the task of winning by at least two goals to win the championship, in the second leg, at the same ground.

GREECE 1 (Filippopoulos 22) ISRAEL 0 at Ashdod, January 1, 1981.

GREECE: Pittsis, Pantelis, Vogiatzis, Manousos, Lefkopoulou, Filippopoulos, Mpehiyanidis, Peristeropoulos, Patronis, Nastos, Grammenos.

ISRAEL: Ginzburg, Kirshner, Pizanti, Shir, Zemach, Stampo, Balachsan, Malka, Jacob, Edri, Begleibor.

Referee: Ginzburg, Kirshner, Pizanti, Shir, Zemach, Stampo, Balachsan, Malka, Jacob, Edri, Begleibor.

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Oscar Crino bends a free kick around the Rumanian wall made up of, from left: Balint, Dusanu, Preda, Vuia, Hanghiuc.



Residents living in the houses overlooking the Ashdod stadium enjoy a good view of one of the youth tournament matches.



Grant Lee intercepts the ball with a lunging slide against Israel.

SOCCEROOS ON TOUR



Australian full back Brett Woods shoots at goal in the match against Greece.



Rudi Gutendorf (left), conducts training as Steve Blair (centre) and David Mitchell follow behind.

Two wins after tournament

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Referee: Ingemar Johansson.

The Greeks once again demonstrated, as they had against Australia in the opening game, that once in front, they were hard to beat.

Andreas Filippopoulos gave them the lead in the 22nd minute when his shot seemed to deflect off a defender and left Beni Ginzburg stranded.

After that, they massed their defence in their third of the ground and allowed the Israelis to swarm all over them to no avail.

The narrow aspect of the Ashdod ground seem to militate against the Israelis' speedy wingers, Isaac Balachan and Eial Begleiter, who were dealt with unceremoniously by the burly Greek defenders.

The outstanding feature of this game was the ridiculous refereeing postures of Sweden's Ingemar Johansson.

Swedish referees we were gravely informed at an early interview, frown on tackling from behind. Fair enough, but Johansson apparently also frowns on tackles from the side or in front, and in addition appears to be suffering from a bad dose of "yellow fever".

Add to that the fact that every decision was signalled by a triple blast on the whistle, accompanied by an impassioned face to face confrontation with a bewildered offender, who was then imperiously waved away, and you can realise that the football became secondary to the refereeing.

After the tournament, the young Soccerroos played three friendly games.

The first was against a mixed senior and youth team from First Division League leaders, Hapoel Tel Aviv.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Raskopoulos 2) HAPOEL 1.

The team was: Ahern 7 (Ivanach 1.7), Wheatley 7, Woods 6 (Watts 60), Skeen 89, Blair 7 (Gomez 8), Raskopoulos 7 (Radford 65), Kay 6, Little 6, Patikas 6 (Belic 55), Raskopoulos 85, Mitchell 6 (Daunt), Lee 7.

The Aussies started to show their true form in this game, against more experienced opponents. Peter Raskopoulos finally got his free-kicks working, and after scoring with one in the first half, came back after having been substituted to score the winner with another fierce free-kick ten minutes from the end.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Lee 25) ISRAEL 2

Team: L. Ahern 7, Wheatley 7, Woods 7, Skeen 89, Raskopoulos 6, Kay 6, Little 6, Patikas 6, Mitchell 7, Lee 7.

Australia lost to Israel for the second time as a result of some badly timed refereeing decisions that had red-faced Israeli officials apologetic at the post-match reception.

Grant Lee, who improved with every game, puts Australia ahead with a neat goal after fifteen minutes and when David Mitchell headed home Robert Wheatley's cross ten minutes later, it seemed that Australia was heading for a good win.

But the referee felt otherwise, and despite the presence of two Israeli defenders on the goal-line, he disallowed the goal for offside.

Israel equalised with a good goal early in the second half, and snatched the win when a forward, fully ten yards offside, scored past a surprised Glen Ahern.

The linesman, who was a good twenty yards behind the play looked stonily at the protesting Aussie defenders and the goal stood.

To make matters worse, Dave Skeen, who had not been previously cautioned, was sent off for an allegedly heavy tackle, and the Aussies had to toil with ten men for the last half-hour.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Little 5, Mitchell 30) HAPOEL HAIFA 0 Saturday Jan 10 '81.

AUSTRALIA: Ahern 7 (Ivanach 1.7), Wheatley 8, Woods 7, Skeen 9, Gomez 4, Watt 6, Little 7, Kay 6, Patikas 6 (Daunt 55), Mitchell 7, Lee 8.

Australia, by now combining well, were too good for the Hapoel Haifa Youth team, despite the absence of Steve Blair and Peter Raskopoulos.

However, the old failing, poor finishing, was still in evidence, and although they had a good wind behind them and completely dominated play, they had only two goals to show for their efforts by half-time.

John Little scored with a good drive after five minutes and the ever-dangerous David Mitchell sneaked a header inside the far post after a Wheatley cross had beaten the defence.



NESRETNÍ ZREB

Philips liga ulazi u petu sezonu 15. februara. Klubovi iz Malsburna su raseli da prvi put donesu naslov prvaka u ovoj grad. Novajlija Preston/Makedonija je zeli da opravda svoj ulazak u Philips ligu dobrim rezultatima i velikom posetom. Ovo drugo zavis od prvga. Medjutim, dobri rezultati ce sigurno doci, jer Makedonija ima dobro ulgran tim i odlicnu navalu, koje je pojačana dolaskom Frencha iz Hakosha, gde je bio izgubljena ovca. Izgledi JUST-a su mnogo akromniji, jer nije dobio ni jednog igrača sa zvučnim imenom, ali trener Ceda Cirkevici veruje u mlade igrače. Zbog toga se sa nestrpljenjem ocekuje prvi nastup "plavici", koji ulaze u novu sezonu sa svega dve trenin utakmica. Jedna je odigrana prošle subote protiv Altona Gate, a ovog četvrtka protivinik je Polonia.

Izvučeni su i parovi za Philips Kup. U prvom kolu se sastaju Hellas-Alexander i JUST-Makedonija. Steta, jer ce dva dobra tima ispasti na početku, sto nije dobro za ovo takmicenje, cije finale treba da postane dogadjaj godine.

JUST I MAKEDONIJA NA SVOM IGRALISTU
Ova dva kluba ce u ovoj sezoni ave domace utakmice odigrati na svojim igralistima, sto je velike prednost, narocito u finansijskom pogledu. Makedonija je izvala izvesne popravke, ali je JUST zalata mnogo uredio za kratko vreme, zahvaljujuci odusavljenju svojih vernih navijaca. Dali su primer igralista kako se zrtvuje za svoj klub. Pored novcane pomoći, jos znacajnije je doprinosa u materijalu i radu. Mnogo je napravljeno, a imace jos da se uradi. Vazno je to da se pocelo, sto je povratilo poverenje cianova i navijaca, koji vise nece stati.

PIKNIK NA OBNOVljenom IGRALISTU
Cianovi i navijaci JUST-a, koji nisu imali priliku da vide sta je uradjeno na igralistu, imace priliku iduce nedelje, 1. februara na PIKNIKU, koji pocinje rano jutnja i bice ispunjen bogatim programom, pored dobrog zalagaja i kapičice. Ulaz ce se naplaciavati simbolično, a na otvaranem ce svirati popularni orkestar. Pored piknika PLAVI TABOR priprema i zabavu u Stoke restoranzu, na morakoj obali u St Kildi, koja ce se odrzati u subotu 7. februara.

NI OSTALI KLUBOVI NE SPAVAJU
Svi ostali klubovi, kojima smo posvecivali paznju u ovoj rubrici, pripremaju se ozbiljnije i temeljnije nego ikad do sad. Kako je izjavio trener Roko Ila, Croatia se priprema da iduce godine udje u Philips ligu. Pored dobre momcadi, koju nametava da izgradi iz sopstvenih redova, Roko sa nada ce Croatia imati najlepší stadion u Viktoriji. Altona Gate vec ima igraliste, koje zlate vredi i sigurno ce pokusati da se probije u Drzavnu ligu. Carlton/Srbija je fuzijom postala Ringwood/Srbija, sto je pomoglo da predje u treću divizion, bez komplikovane borbe na zelenom polju. Altona Utd/Vojvodina je dobila novo igraliste i ima velike planove. BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO na svom zemljistu gradi stadion i dom, a ove godine se takmicu u District ligi. Ima jos dosta promena u klubovima, koje nismo ovog puta spomenuli, ali o tome ce biti vise reci iduce srede.



Jim Patikas (centre) about to repel a Swedish attack as his fallen team mate Robert Wheatley (right) looks on.



• Australian striker David Mitchell leaps high over a



Palinkas, Dunne in fine form

Brisbane City, which has had possibly the most topsy-turvy form since the PSL started, has set a record for the club this year.

Retained coach George Potter, who has retired from the playing scene with more than 100 PSL appearances behind him, says City has all its new players ready for action even before the seasons begins — the first time this has happened.

If Brisbane City were a racehorse, it would constantly call on the attention of the stewards.

Finishing in mid-table in 1977, it won the initial Phillips Cup and the following year finished last in the league, but again won the cup.

Its best performance was in 1979 when it finished fourth, to eventually lose the grand final play off by a single goal to Sydney City.

Last season it was back to rock bottom again, being knocked out of the Cup in the first round, after which long-serving coach Nero Saffich was sacked.

City struggled in the league all season and eventually avoided relegation by drawing with Canberra City in the final match.



Joe Palinkas

Even though City had a forgettable year, yet another highlight of its unpredictable form was when it registered shock home victories against big guns Heidelberg (7-0) and Marconi (2-1).

The new players in the City ranks this season are well-known identities Jimmy Dunne, from Green Gully Ajax and striker Paul Wilkinson, Blacktown City's leading scorer last year, and Scottish newcomer John McVeigh, a striker from First Division Airdrie.

The only losses look to be lumbering striker Barry Kelso, the leading Queensland goalscorer since the PSL began, and youth team representative Mark Brusasco.

Both are at odds with the club and Kelso, regarded by many as one of the country's most difficult men to contain, stated last year he would never play for City again.

He is on the transfer list for \$25,000 (PSL only), he may return to his old club Redlands United in the Second Division, or he may decide on First Division Trident-Valley, with whom he is now training in a Brisbane pre-season competition.

Trident, which has Queensland State League aspirations, is coached by the man City sacked, Nero Saffich, and he

has high hopes of snaring Kelso.

The competent Dunne, former Eira International, of course needs no introduction to Melbourne supporters and he has already fitted perfectly into the back line alongside David Ratcliffe, Billy Wilkinson and Soccerro Steve Perry.

Wilkinson and McVeigh are combining well up front, and particularly with former Footscray winger Joe Palinkas, who looks to have a new lease of life this season.

Palinkas took a while to settle in Brisbane and was under considerable pressure because of his high transfer fee, but this year so far is playing with plenty of zest and looks a picture of fitness.

With Kelso gone, Willie Conner or Kevin Low will be the others pressing for a forward line position.

City again has last season's midfield trio of Frank Pimblett, Larry Gaffney and Bobby Hamilton, and Potter is hopeful of signing State midfielder Phil Thompson from Mt Gravatt.

Also, centre back Peter Tokesi is back after nagging injury problems last year.

Kim Wishart and Martin Coe once again will have a concerted battle for the No. 1 shirt. — BRUCE WADDELL

Footscray quiet

Footscray has directed most of its energy towards improving its home ground, Schintlar Reserve in Footscray Road.

All of Footscray's 1980 players except perhaps Mirko Rujevic are expected to be retained. Rujevic has been training with Northcote City.

The club is negotiating for players from the U.K. and Yugoslavia but details are being kept secret.

Cedo Girkovic is coach and Sean Parton has been signed from Frankston.



O'Connor to Preston

Dave O'Connor is the first of Preston's reinforcements for its first Phillips League season.

O'Connor, player-coach of Victorian First Division club Richmond, was signed last week.

In 1979, his first year at Richmond, he lifted the club to promotion.

O'Connor previously played for Canberra City, Brisbane Lions and Barnsley in England.

A forward from English club Sheffield United is expected to join Preston soon, and a number of other players including Graham French (Hakoah) and Peter Donaldson (Sunshine) have been on trial.

Meanwhile, Rob Cullen is back from overseas but fellow forward Gary Ward has not yet recovered fully from a broken leg. Sweeper Gordon Flavell also is back after a holiday in Scotland.

Preston's main players are: Lou Kastner, Mike Rainey, Gordon Flavell, John Higham, Ljube Petrovski, Steve Beech, Jeff Faulkner, Claude Lucchesi, George McMillan, Rob Cullen, Peter Ollerter, Gary Ward, Dave O'Connor, Eric Lesbirel, Stewart Cunningham and Con Stoikos.

DUTCHMAN STARS FOR CANBERRA

A Dutch giant (about 6ft. 6ins.) called John Bassi may be the new star of the Canberra Arrows.

If he's as good as they say he is, Bassi may develop into one of the big personalities of the Phillips League.

He caught the eye while playing libero for Canberra in its 5-2 thrashing of Blacktown City in Canberra two weeks ago.

He played in the Dutch First Division for Telstar before it was relegated.

Canberra president Theo Moulis has been negotiating with Bassi during the week. If he

is cleared from Holland without any hitches, he would be the only new player at Canberra.

The club has lost Mike Milovanovic to Blacktown and Danny Moulis to Sydney Olympic but has come to terms to the three O'Shea brothers after almost losing them during contract negotiations.

George Murray, the new coach from Scotland, is showing a high level of ability in moulding the team, which will feature a few changes because of the loss of Moulis and Milovanovic and the possible acquisition of Bassi.

Djordjevic needs help

Coach Rale Rasic is negotiating for two strikers to avoid a lean year for Blacktown City.

Paul Wilkinson, top scorer for Blacktown last season, has switched to Brisbane City, Ian Hunter has been sold to Marconi and the only other regular scorer, Alan Fisher was expected to Pressa time to join Arncliffe Scots.

That leaves Blacktown with no proven goalscorers.

The much-vaunted Yugoslav recruit Jovan Djordjevic, 29, has impeccable credentials but he has yet to show goalscoring ability.

Djordjevic played for Napredak and Tatex and represented Yugoslavia 11 times at Olympic level.

The other forwards are Neil Manning and Mike Quimby who was captain of the NSW under 16 team last year.

Apart from Wilkinson, Hunter and Fisher, Blacktown also loses George Harris, Warren Turnbull, Gavin Landon and Phil Dalton. Most of them wanted more than Blacktown could pay.

Top recruits apart from Djordjevic are Mike Milovanovic from Canberra City and Robert Whistley, the youth international from Kurungai.

The Blacktown squad so far is:

Goalkeepers: James and Fraeman; defenders — Whistley, Milovanovic, Pointer, Cuk, Pollard; midfielders — Selvage, Hornmabab, Ortega, O'Donnell — Djordjevic, Manning, Quimby.

Tony Rasmussen and Don Campbell, both defenders, are expected back from a holiday overseas.

Hellas two to Northcote?

Victorian State League newcomer Northcote City still is negotiating with PSL giant South Melbourne Hellas to capture the signatures of Hellas players Steve Kakantonis and Chris Kalafatis.

"Hellas has put \$12,000 on Kalafatis's head and the asking price for Kakantonis is about the same," said Northcote spokesman Steve Williams.

"It's not that we don't think these players are worth these amounts but the figures are too high for us."

"Both players would be tremendous assets to us and we would appreciate it if Hellas was more reasonable with its negotiations."

Footscray JUST has withdrawn permission for long



Chris Kalafatis

serving midfielder Mirko Rujevic to train with Northcote.

JUST's action follows Northcote's refusal to grant permission for Spiro Tsetos to train with JUST.

Northcote will retain Tsetos, John Nicholaidis, George Bozakis, Jim Sahinidis, Bill Gatzonis and Giovanni Batticchio.

Park Rangers keeper Paul Vassiliou likely will join Northcote for about \$3,500.

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